# Iraqi apology fails to soften US insistence on withdrawal from Kuwait

# Saddam sends hostages home for Christmas

By MICHAEL THEODOLOU IN NICOSIA AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

PRESIDENT Saddam Hussein yesterday or-dered the release of all foreigners held in Iraq and Kuwait with our apologies for all harm. He said that they had given great service to the cause of peace, but were no longer needed and could be home for Christmas.

The decision was welcomed by world leaders who nevertheless insisted that there could still be no negotiation on an unconditional Iraqi withdrawal from Kuwait.

In letting the hostages go, President Saddam is complying with one of a dozen UN resolutions dealing with Kuwait passed since the invasion in August. The move therefore raised hopes of a peaceful solution to the Gulf confrontation, especially as it came the day after Iraq confirmed that it would attend direct talks with America. There were even reports from Baghdad that President Saddam might withdraw some of his troops from Kuwait.

President Bush, who was in Chile yesterday, said of the hostage release: "It would be welcome if true, but it will not change my thinking on his need to comply 100 per cent, without condition, to the UN

#### INSIDE Melly on Sinatra



As Francis Albert Sinatra nears his 75th birthday, his timing, phrasing and showmanship remain intact. During a life of brawling and heavy drinking, he has given millions to charity. George Melly pays tribute to Old Blue Eyes, described by his biographers as the greatest popular singer of this century Page 19.

Salmonella rise A sharp rise in food poisoning

attributed to salmonella is fuelling calls for another enquiry into the link with eggs and poultry .....

#### Walesa leads

Lech Walesa led Stanislaw Tyminski in the latest opinion poll as a Polish presidential election campaign marked by insults and murky threats neared an end ...... Page 10

#### Lawson denial

Nigel Lawson denies the suggestion by Sir Alan Walters that there may have been a conspiracy in 1989 to get rid of Margaret Thatcher

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Tunku dies Tunku Abdul Rahman, the first prime minister of Malaya and Malaysia, died yesterday aged 87 ..... Obituary, page 16

#### **Bond** arrest

Alan Bond, the businessman, was arrested yesterday and charged with an offence under Western Australia's Securities Industry Code, which carries a maximum penalty of five years in jail and a finePage 25

Durham joins Durham has become the first county since Glamorgan in 1921 to win first-class status in cricket . .... Page 42

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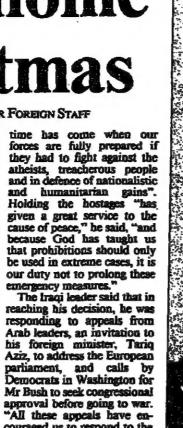
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resolutions. We've got to keep the pressure on. Saddam understands that his hostage policy has incurred the condemnation of the whole world. No single hostage should not have been taken in

Mr Bush reiterated that he would not negotiate over a withdrawal from Kuwait and denied that the United States was willing to back a UN resolution calling for an international conference on the Middle East to resolve the confrontation. There are no secret negotiations, direct or indirect, with Iraq over this question. None, and there will be none. The question is the aggression against Kuwait. There will be and is no linkage to the West Bank." Baghdad had promised the

phased release of all "guests" over a three-month period beginning on Christmas Day, although hundreds have been freed recently after the per-sonal intervention of politicians and elder statesmen. On Wednesday, more than three thousand Russians were told they were being allowed home after Moscow had threatened to use force against iraq if any of its nationals were harmed. Yesterday, Prebringing forward the release of other foreigners - including nearly 1,200 Britons and 700 Americans - because Iraq no longer needed the "human shield" because its forces were sufficiently dug-in to counter

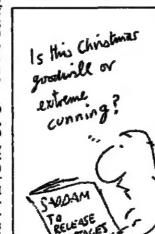
any attack. President Saddam wrote to the the Iraqi parliament, which is expected today to rubber stamp the decision, urging it "to adopt your just decision to lift the travel ban on all foreigners with our apologies for all harm and forgiveness from God Almighty". Iraq's defensive options had been limited and its forces had not completed mobilisation, but now



couraged us to respond to the positive transformations which will have a great in-fluence on Western public opinion, particularly in America, to liquidate the evil attempts by the warmonners." Latif Nassif al-Jassem, the Iraqi information mini insisted later that the decision was not a sign of weakness, saying: "He who is afraid does not let the hostages out." said it might finally have dawned on President Saddam that the human shield tacts:

had backfired, increasing American resolve to military option. On Wednesday, the secretary of state, James Baker, told the House ington: "If force must be used,

News of the release was greeted with cautious op-timism around the world. Oil



## America not ready to back peace conference

terday that it was not ready to that the controversy sursupport a Middle East peace rounding the proposed resoluconference because it would appear to link the Arab-Israeli conflict with the Iraqi occupa- of it. But others said that tion of Kuwait.

James Baker, the secretary of state, told the House of Representatives foreign affairs committee: "We are not now recommending that an inter-national conference on the Arab-Israeli conflict be held, nor are we supporting a resolution in the security council that would seek to convene such a conference."

An American official said no decision had been made on how the United States would council resolution endorsing a Middle East peace conference. council.

Hanson: his corporate

pockets are bulging

THE United States said yes- Some Western diplomats said tion would make it difficult for America to vote in favour pressure to maintain its conlition with moderate Arab nations against Iraq might persuade the United States to abstain or even support the

The proposal on the Middle East conference had emerged from talks in New York on Wednesday between the American ambassador to the United Nations, Thomas Pickering, and his Malaysian counterpart, Ismail Razali, the co-ordinator of the Palestine vote on a proposed security Liberation Organisation's supporters on the security

By DAVID BREWERTON

FORGET the recession, cold Christmas

in the high streets, soaring unemploy-

ment and inflation: the takeover king,

Lord Hanson, has £6.9 billion cash in his

corporate pocket, and no company in the

His lordship is determined to how out

with a bang that will echo around the

financial centres of the world for a

generation, and he has been piling up the

resources of Hanson plc, his master

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September, they found a cash pile of £6.9

billion - enough, had Hanson been so

minded, to have purchased every share

in all the electricity companies currently being privatised, and still leave some

change. Times are just perfect for

Hanson plc, which yesterday reported

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world is safe.

company, in readiness.

# 30 years

By STEWART TENDLER CRIME CORRESPONDENT

TWO IRA men, arrested as they went to collect an arms and explosives cache hidden at a remote Welsh coastal site, were yesterday condemned as "merciless men intent on carnage" as an Old Bailey judge sentenced them each to

30 years imprisonment. Liam O'Dhibhir and Damien McComb, both 28, are suspected of taking part in the Deal barracks bombing last year in which 11 servicemen died. Police believe they were about to launch a Christmas campaign using the cache of nearly 100lb of Sentex and devices for 18 bombs when a surveillance operation caught

them last December. Armed police teams from Dyfed-Powis police and Scotland Yard lay hidden watching the cache site after its accidental discovery. The op-cration was kept secret for weeks by local people and

ournalists. Yesterday the Yard issued a warning that the IRA could begin a campaign in the next few weeks. During the day officers from the Yard and the RUC flew to Belgium where detectives are questioning three Irish men arrested with arms in an Antwerp house.

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Although Lord Hanson rates among

Hanson could just about be all of it.

Scarcely a company in Britain would be too big for Hanson. The company

buy than near the bottom.

# IRA men Heseltine offer jailed for Wing support wins support

By DOUGLAS BROOM, LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORRESPONDENT LABOUR local authority intend to repeat - will he

Heseltine, the environment secretary, to take part in his review of the poll tax. Sir Jack Layden, Labour

chairman of the Association of Metropolitan Authorities said his group would "play a major role" in the review although he urged Mr Heseltine to abandon capping while the enquiry went ahead. Peter Wright, leader of the Labour group on the Conservative-controlled Association of District Councils, said he too would co-operate with Mr Heseltine's review.

The leaders' decision highlights the difficulties caused to Labour by Mr Heseltine's offer of talks. On Wednesday, Bryan Gould, Labour's environment spokesman, rejected the offer unless the government accepted in advance that the poll tax should be abolished.

David Blunkett, the local government spokesman, said last night: "We do not find this in the least embarrassing. Local authority associations have a statutory duty to talk to

The environment secretary talks. He will never escape the could save more than £100 simple question which we million.

leaders have accepted the abolish the poll tax, yes or no? invitation from Michael If he answers in the affirmative and expresses his

willingness to establish a modern and fair rating system then serious talks can begin." Mr Heseltine's views on the future shape of local government, which his review will examine alongside the poll

tax, have wider support in

local government than had been thought, according to a new survey.

A poll of 243 district and county council leaders found that more than a fifth supported Mr Heseltine's plan to introduce directly elected mayors as a means of reducing party political influence in councils A similar proportion

also endorsed the idea of

reducing the number of councillors. The survey, carried out jointly by the Local Government Chronicle and recruitment consultants SPA, also noted growing support for the abolition of one of the two existing tiers of local

government. As it was being published the Association of District Councils launched the government's review of the poll tax cannot go on hiding behind with a plan for the abolition of the smokescreen of promising county councils which it said

Hanson, the flush predator, is in a hurry profits for the year to September 30 of the super-rich with a personal fortune estimated at around £100 million, this is petty cash compared to the funds he

controls through the firm. Time, however, is not quite so much on the side of Baron Hanson of Edgerton in the County of West Yorkshire. He is coming up to his 69th birthday next month, which leaves just a year before he is expected to retire. If he is to see the next takeover through to conclusion, he will have to move soon.

In the boardrooms of Britain and America, they will drink a toast to the final victim when Hanson fires the opening shots. And they will crack a crate or two when the world's most accomplished corporate predator eventually hangs up his cheque book and

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## Europe farm deal unlocks door to Gatt pact

From MICHAEL BINYON AND PETER GUILFORD

eleventh-hour breakthrough was within sight yesterday evening in the fraught sudden breaking of the fourday deadlock on agriculture.

"The impasse has been broken," said Mats Helstrom, the Swedish farm minister steering the agriculture talks. The European Community agreed for the first time to make specific cuts in export subsidies and open its markets wider to outsiders - key demands of the Americans and other powerful farm exporting nations.

This commitment, made after the deadline had been twice extended and under the threat of a walk-out by Carla Hills, the American Trade Representative, immediately unlocked the way to virtual agreement in the four other pivotal sectors: trade in services, textiles, copyright and investment and procedures for setting rules of trade.

These could be wrapped up within a day," said Peter Lilley, Britain's trade secretary. But a spokesman for the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (Gatt) said the talks were still a long way

After four days of threats and recriminations, time is now very short for agreement. Farm mininsters from all leading Gatt groups met again last night. At 11am this morning the Uruguayan foreign minister chairing the round will decide whether the conference can still be salvaged. It is due to end this evening, but officials said it could run on into the weekend if things looked promising enough.

The breakthrough came after a day of mounting tension, as the European Community fought to prevent suspension of the talks. EC ministers bitterly attacked America for attempting to dictate terms while refusing to make any movement until the farm row was settled. "This is no way for the largest trading addressed by the second largest," John Gummer, Britain's agriculture secretary, said. The US "should take a leaf out of the European book" and

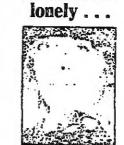
learn to negotiate properly. EC ministers, meeting in another emergency session yesterday morning, gave the

Commission negotiators a broad framework to strike a Continued on page 24, col 5

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Alone is not



Diane Keaton is an actress who in her private life is very much a loner. How does that approach play, on Hollywood's gregarious stage?

#### Moscow: five to midnight?

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Mikhail Gorbachev faces his gravest crisis as the Soviet Union appeals for help to relieve food shortages. Gail Sheehy assesses his chances

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# Iraq hostage deal may bring 5p cut in price of petrol

started on August 2, but

pump prices if a peace deal

showed an 18.02 per cent drop

car manufacturers face sub-

stantial reductions in sales

over last year's record figure of

- 12.11 per cent below last

November sales were

117,499 compared with

1989, according to figures

issued yesterday by the Society of Motor Manufacturers

Worst affected is Ford, Brit-

and Traders (SMMT).

year's figures.

PETROL prices could fall by down to the level they stood at cline by more than 97,000 and five pence a gallon after news when the Gulf confrontation its market share fall from 26.4 hostages brought the cost of analysts believe another five to 10p could be cut from bulk oil supplies to its lowest level since the invasion of Prices have fallen 31p from Shell's record 239.6p at the

last night for calm to return to

Shell, which has 2,800 filling stations, said: "We will stick to our promise to be stational or of our stations of the station of the stations stick to our promise to have Street spending was under-prices at the pumps follow the lined yesterday as figures rise and fall on spot markets. The situation is very volatile in new car sales. at the moment as markets react to what is going on, but highest of the year and means we will act as soon as the scene has clarified, if new oil prices warrant cuts at the pumps."

BP said: "Prices have fallen to levels we saw before the 11 months were 1.946 million Gulf crisis blew up. If this situation persists, prices will

Oil prices fell immediately to about \$25 a barrel and bulk petrol to \$250 a tonne, the lowest since July, on news that Saddam Hussein had said he tages being held in Kuwait and

ain's largest car company,
Petrol prices are already which has seen its sales de-

**Agents** cheered by rumours of move

THE charms of leafy Dulwich are not, apparently, all they are cracked up to be. One of the few cheery words of gossip in the otherwise per cent to 25 per cent so far agency is that the Thatchers are on the move There have been at least

eight years, has failed to make make a similar impact. Last

month the car was fourth in

That is well down on September's total of 9,632

Escorts sold, before the facelified model, which cost

£1 billion to develop, was

of the market compared with

56.5 per cent in November

1989. Their share for the first

11 months of this year is 56.9

per cent, slightly below the 57 per cent recorded for January-

The November 1990 top 10

L Ford Fiesta (9,669 sold)

Vauxhall Cavalier (9,625)

3. Ford Sierra (8,068); 4. Ford

Escort (7,404); 5. Vauxhall Astra (6,397); 6. Rover 200 (4,582); 7. Ford Orion (3,878);

Rover Metro (3,417); 10.

Peugeot 205 (3,526); 9

Importers took 54 per cent

with 7,404 sold.

November 1989.

launched.

cently of Denis inspecting properties in other parts of town. He was seen not long ago studying the ambience of Prince Albert Road, between Regent's Park and Primros Hill, where snips are to be had in these depressed times for under a million, and more recently at a refurbished crescent at St Katha-rine's Dock, where prices

start at £725,000. Property sources dismin ed reports that the Thatchers house at no 35 Tite Street, Chelsea, being offered at £7.5 million. Built on the site of Whistler's studio, it dates from 1965 and offers five reception rooms, a master bedroom suite and five fur-

Mrs Thatcher is known to like Chelsea and may regret selling her Flood Street house for £300,000 in 1985



Together again: Ronald Reagan kissing Margaret Thatcher as they met for tea in a London hotel yesterday

to buy the Barratt mock-Georgian pile in Dulwich for £400,000, now worth an estimated £600,000. Mr Thatcher may be less keen; Chelsea is not over-endowed with golf courses, while the Dul-

wich home overlooks one. One speculative theory was that an anonymous

nessman who had prospered under Thatcherism, was so grateful for her unwavering adherence to market economics that he was prepared to pay for any house she wanted, just as an admirer bought Chartwell for Churchill. There was, however, no evidence of any such

### Tea-time memories

WHEN they planned their European trip, Ronald and Nancy Reagan did not expect to be entertaining Margaret Thatcher to afternoon tea in Claridge's Hotel yes-terday; the itinerary definitely said Downing Street. But that was before history sent the former president's ally to join him in retirement

day visit to Britain, met just about everybody who was anybody yesterday, beginning with cocktails at Clarence House with the Queen Mother, a lady whose many

to Buckingham Palace for a private lunch with her most disrupted by the late arrival of her son-in-law.

pouring of generous mea-sures. They moved directly

became fog-bound on his return from the Far East and Australia, and arrived at the table in the nick of time

Before the day was ended the Reagans got to Downing Street, to be received by John Major, the one important figure with whom they could not exchange pleasantries about the last

## Celebrity return for Tory choice

JOHN Taylor, the Tory answers to questions he prospective parliamentary plainly tired of hearing? candidate for Cheltenham, re- bore Mr Galbraith no an turned to the constituency yesterday for the first time since he was described as a "bloody nigger" by a local

Cheltenham people stood in the street open-mouthed as Mr Taylor strode from a charity lunch at the Queen's hotel to the Conservative Association headquarters, via the town hall. There were not staring at Mr Taylor, however. as taken by the pack of press photographers and television cameramen who followed Mr Taylor.

Some people waited pa-tiently to shake Mr Taylor by the hand and wish him well. but they could not penetrate the pack until he had reached the town hall.

David Patterson, a GCHQ employee, and his wife Sheila. took a short break from decorating to meet Mr Taylor. "It's the best thing that's happened to Cheltenham for years," Mr Patterson said.

Doris Mustoe, a housewife and Margaret Justin, an NHS domestic supervisor, waited patiently to shake Mr Taylor by the hand. "He seemed pleasant enough," they said. They did not believe his colour would prevent him retaining the seat for the Tories.
"He'll get in," Mrs Justin said. Cheltenham is a Conservative place but I don't believe his colour makes any difference." Mr Taylor repeated

### Levin piece on Welsh criticised

GWYNEDD county council sterday condemned an article about the Welsh language by Bernard Levin in *The Times* last August (Robin Young writes).

A motion proposed by Handel Morgan, a retired head teacher, was passed by a majority vote. The resolution expressed "the strongest possible objection to the article". which was described as "factually incorrect, prejudiced in its attitude, erroneous in its tenets and rancorous in its

Mr Levin's article, headed A pantomime dragon, but its venom will surely kill, said that four fifths of the population of Wales showed no sign of wanting to speak Welsh, and attacked the extremism of the organisation Meibion Glyndwr ("Sons of Glendower") as modelled on the

Simon Jenkins, editor of The Times and a Welshman said last night: "Some members of Gwynedd council believe that I should have

censored a Times columnist. "They completely ignore the fact that The Times has in the past six months published a number of editorials fiercely defending the Welsh language and the need to encourage its

plainly tired of bearing: No, he bore Mr Galbraith no animo ity; yes, he was confident of winning and was moving into the constituency. Claims that Kenneth Baker, the home secretary, had pressured the local party into adopting him

he described as "codswallop". He refused to say whom he would support in an England/West Indies Test, saying he did not wish to trivialise race relations in that way. He did have some advice ever: "Stick in there," he said, "like I'm doing."

#### Looting fear kept jewel find secret

of the most important finds of Anglo Saxon jewellery this century has been suppre deliberately for fear of looters in the treasure site (Simon

The accidental discovery of jewellery on the Boss Hall industrial estate in Ipswich was made in May but kept secret until this week. Just 25 miles away, the Icklingham Bronzes, a collection of Romano-British pieces, were stolen from farmland by thiever using metal detectors

Archaeologists and British

Museum experts believe that

the latest hoard, including a rare cloisonné brooch encrusted with garnets, is sec-ond only to the Sutton Hoo burial ship finds made nine miles from Ipswich in 1939. The Boss Hall find was made after archaeologists rec ognised the outlines of 22 graves. In a two-day excava-

ing the treasure was lifted out and taken to the British Museum for examination Keith Wade, of the Suffolk County Archaeological Unit, said the treasure dated from the 7th century and belonge to minor gentry.

tion a block of earth contain

#### Doctors accused

Two doctors used their patients' confidential records to set up a mail-shot business that included promotion for an undertakers, the professional conduct comp of the General Medical Council was told yesterday. Dr Michael Blackmore, aged 34. and Dr Tim Timberlake, aged 33, who run a practice in Wimborne, Dorset, deny seri-ous professional misconduct. The hearing continues today.

#### Hatton meeting

A meeting organised yesterday by Derek Hatton, former dep uty leader of Liverpool city council, to meet his creditors after the collapse of Settleside, his public relations and property development company was attended only by the Inland Revenue. The company went into liquidation after police investigations. Mr Hatton said £17,000 was owed to the taxman and other liabilities amounted to £4,000

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# IRA arms cache men sentenced to 30 years in prison

TWO IRA terrorists caught nage". Neither was charged would have been a Christmas

told Liam O'Dhuibhir and 11 bandsmen. Damien McComb that they were ruthless, dangerous, were caught on the eve of

## A 42-day watch that netted top police targets

THE drive from Luton to paign on the mainland. The southwest Wales had been two men spent much of their long. None the less, the two time based in the Luton area. men got to work as soon as they reached the cliffs above St Bride's Bay well after dark trawler or small boat crossed on a cold December night last from the Irish Republic to year (Stewart Tendler writes). land a substantial cache of They would have to drive explosives, arms and ammuback immediately if a new attack was to be carried out before Christmas.

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Damien McComb did the that hid the consignment on digging while Liam the cliffs above St Bride's Bay.
O'Dhuibhir scanned the darkPolice believe the first target ness with a shotgun at the for that cache was the Royal ready. The last consignment had been removed from its hiding place and the two were getting ready to leave when a searchlight silhouetted them.

There was a shout: "Armed police, stand still". The man with the shotgun raised it and somewhere in the darkness a police gun cracked out a single shot. O'Dhuibhir threw down his weapon. After a secret 42day watch on one of the IRA's key arms dumps police had captured two members of the active service units stalking the mainland.

Within days Scotland suspected of being part of the Yard's anti-terrorist branch unit that went to ground in the had established that the two ensuing manhunt. men, sentenced yesterday at In October a cache of the Central Criminal Court, devices with 50th of Semtex held impeccable IRA credentials. McComb, brought up in stead, north London. In Belfast, is the brother of John November the IRA mounted McComb, who was sentenced to life imprisonment for IRA activities involving Gerard Tuite, a top IRA activist on

the mainland in the late 1970s. the IRA as a student involved in anti-drugs activity in Dub- two National Trust wardens lin. He was an outstanding and a birdwatcher had ac-undergraduate at University cidentally stumbled on their undergraduate at University turn up for his final examinations. He enrolled instead for substitute and put replica gans a business studies course in place of the arsenal of ten ing when he was arrested in March 1984 during a botched kidnap carried out by the same and of ten weapons. Local villagers were sworn to secrecy as Welsh and Yard officers bears a 24 hard kidnap carried out by an vigil at the site.
active service unit. Police suspect that
O'Dhuibhir was sentenced to McComb and O'Dhuibhir kidnap carried out by an active service unit. five years and sent to Portlaoise jail.

gathered for an autumn cam-

POLICE officers in Derby-

shire yesterday supported

the report that said bureau-

cratic controls imposed by

the Labour-controlled

county council had brought

the force to the brink of

Officers complained of

under-staffing, long hours, and Dickensian book-keep-

ing because of poor technol-

ogy and a computer system

The report on the force by

Geoffrey Dear, inspector of

constabulary for the Mid-lands, was described by

Kenneth Baker, the home

secretary, as among the

worst on any police force. He

said the county council and

police authority had sub-

stantial resources to spend

on policing. The council

claimed that poor Home

Office funding and the gov-

ernment's poll-tax cap on

the county were the cause of

Mr Dear said the poor

state of police buildings in

Derbyshire was extraor-

dinary and complained that control of the force's £60

million budget was not de-

volved to the chief con-

stable, but retained by the

Officers and staff in the

force's control room were

yesterday said to have re-

cently sent a petition to the

conditions in the force.

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yesterday by a judge at the Old active service unit that last year blew up a Royal Marine Mr Justice Simon Brown barracks at Deal, Kent, killing The men, both aged 28,

merciless men intent on car-initiating what police suspect

Some time in the late summer detectives believe a

nition close to Newgale in Dyfed. McComb and O'Dhuibhir were in the party Marine barracks at Deal.



McComb and O'Dhuibhir are

was found hidden in Hamptwo car bomb attacks on military targets seriously wounding a sergeant in Colchester, Essex. As Christmas drew near the two men went

back to Wales for supplies. What they did not know was that in October last year 100th of Semtex with a safe

were planning to launch an attack within 24 hours of their O'Dhuibhir returned to the IRA on his release from jail in 1988. He is thought to have arrived in Britain with McComb in about March last year as active service units gentlessed for an autumn care.

Police blame long hours

and faulty computers

uncovering an arms cache at a with a specific IRA attack, but bombing campaign. The two, remote Welsh beauty spot Scotland Yard detectives belt who denied conspiring to were each jailed for 30 years ieve that they were part of the cause explosions, showed no emotion as the jury returned its verdict after 90 minutes. As they went to the cells both gave clenched-fist salutes and shouted: "Victory to the

They were discovered almost a year ago near Newgale in Dyfed as they dug up part of a big cache including Semtez explosive, weapons, hand-gre-nades and material for 18 bombs. Police had been watching the spot for over a month after the cache was discovered accidentally.

In a flat used by the men in lists of targets including members of the cabinet, details of senior servicemen, and maps showing military bases. Police also found four false passports and two copies of Home Office security passes.
Yesterday the judge told the

two men: "There is no doubt whatever you are a pair of IRA aign here on the mainland which would have wreaked death and destruction, very probably singling out men of public service, worth and honour as your

Had you succeeded, you would have left untold loss and suffering in your wake. Only a benign fate intervened and stopped you in your tracks." The aspiration to have a united Ireland was legitimate, he said . "But that on resort to violence".

He went on: "What you did stains the fair name of Ireland and arouses here much undeserved suspicion towards countless of your decent fel-low countrymen." The judge said that he was making no distinction between the two, but was satisfied that O'Dhuibhir was the leader of the "unit" and the more

experienced terrorist. During the trial the prosecution told the court that police had recovered three rifles, a shotgun, six handguns, a large amount of ammunition, Semtex explosive, five Russian-made hand-grenades, and bomb circuitry that included long-delay timers and det-onators. Enough sophisticated equipment was found to construct several car bombs or a

bombs.

McComb, who described himself as an Irish nationalist opposed to violence, was the only one of the two to give evidence in the witness box.

He said that they had been duped into believing that they were being sent to Britain to Ireland for the welfare of prisoners' families. Only when they arrived on the mainland had they discovered the true nature of their mission, which was to take the equipment back to Ireland for

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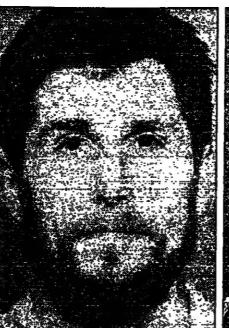
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inspector said: "It is widely felt he missed a golden opportunity. He had the

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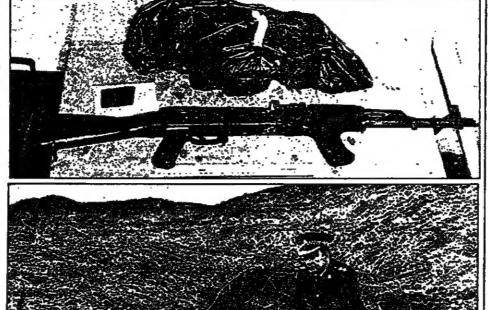
county council in its true colours. I suppose when all

this dies down, he still has to





Thwarted terrorists: O'Dhuibhir (left) and McComb and part of their cache of explosives, weapons and bomb-making equipment (below), which police caught them uncovering in a hollow at a remote beauty spot in Newgale, Dyfed (bottom)



Ripper's wife denies using link for gain

By PAUL WILKINSON

SONIA Sutcliffe, the wife of the Yorkshire Ripper, was yesterday accused of using her relationship to the mass murderer to "court" the press for

financial gain. Counsel for the News of the World, which she is suing in the High Court for libel, pressed her on why she did not divorce her husband Peter, convicted in 1981 of the murder of 13 women.

"Is it not desperately important to publicly divorce yourself from this man by law; this man who has perpetrated such atrocious crimes?" asked George Carman, QC. "While you remain his wife, you on occasions use that position with the press." She replied: "I do not use it."

Mrs Sutcliffe, aged 40, of Heaton, West Yorkshire, is suing the newspaper over an article alleging that she had a affair with George Papoutsis, a Greek who allegedly looks like her husband, and did not

tell him about her husband. Mrs Sutcliffe claims that the newspaper report was libellous because it meant she deceived Mr Papoutsis by keeping the existence of her husband secret. She says she him. Mrs Sutcliffe denied Mr Carman's suggestions that her real complaint was that a journalist friend, Barbara Jones, had "betrayed" her. Later Mrs Sutcliffe was

cross-examined by Miss lones, who has been named by the News of the World as a third party in the action, enabling it to seek damages from her if the case goes against it. Miss Jones maintained that their relationship had always been professional.

Jail 'was told boy might kill himself'

By QUENTIN COWDRY

STAFF at Swansea jail were told that a schoolboy, who was later found hanging in his cell, was a suicide risk as soon as he

told yesterday. Joseph Dowdall, a social worker, said he told prison officers his fears about Phillip Knight aged 15, on the day was remanded on theft charges. Police had also been informed that he was a suicide risk. Mr Dowdall told Swansea and Gower coroner's court: "I spoke to the officer in charge and informed him of the possibility that Phillip might take his own life. To my

tion was taken." He told the coroner that the officer had not wanted to be "too alarmist", even though the boy had previously cut one of his wrists and had made 11 attempts to escape from chil-

Vincent Williams, a prison officer, denied that staff at Swansea had received a warning. He believed the boy might attempt to injure himself. but serious suicide risk. His prison file described him as

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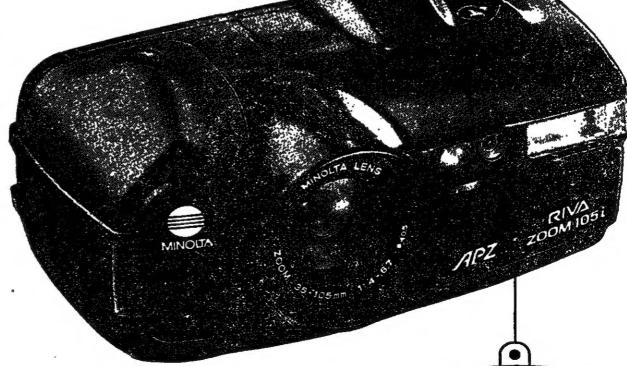
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being "no risk at this time". The teenager, from Haver-fordwest, Dyfed, was discovered dead on July 13 this year. He was remanded in custody in June. His death prompted ministers to speed up attempts to reduce sharply the number of juveniles remanded to adult

About 1,600 juveniles are held in adult jails while they await trial each year, but ministers believe many could be held safely in council-run secure units. There are no such units in Wales.

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chief constable complaining about the poor state of the computer system, which is awaiting a £23 million

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What is wrong with Derbyshire police, said to be on "the brink of inefficiency"? **Craig Seton** investigates

call 24 hours a day, seven days a week. He said: "We are aiready doing more work than the national average and have a higher case load than any other force of our size. It is fortunate our

He said that an extra six scenes-of-crime officers were needed to complement the present staff of 26. One scenes-of-crime officer said yesterday: "On average you are supposed to do something like 600 jobs per man a year maximum. We do about 850."

The Derbyshire police fingerprint bureau is experiencing a staffing shortage. It should have nine staff, but has six. Detectives in the force also complained about conditions and hours and low morale. One CID officer said: "We're working in buildings where the plaster is falling off the walls. The telephone system is totally inadequate and the number of lines has been reduced to save money. You have to queue for a telephone. Our

overtime has also been cut."

A detective said: "No won-

One inspector claimed

work with them." The county council has blamed the cap on its community charge rate for the condition of the force. Of £40 million cut from the officers are skilled, dedicated and take a pride in what they county budget, £2 million is being cut from the £60

million police budget. Bob Jones, chairman of the police committee, said that the Peartree section station. an aging prefabricated building near Derby football ground, would probably cost £750,000 to replace and would have taken up almost all of last year's capital allocation from the Home Office. He said that the county had asked for £2

million and received This year the force is asking for £5 million, more than £2 million of which would be spent on a new command and control computer system. He said: "We do not expect to get it all."

Alan Smith, the former

Derbyshire chief constable,

who retired this year, said last night: "I agree with the report. It has no surprises. It is merely an amalgam of other reports submitted more confidentially over the

# Eggs enquiry call as salmonella poison cases rise

most virulent strain of salmonella is fuelling calls for another parliamentary enquiry into the link between

Figures released by the Communicable Disease Surveillance Centre show that up to November 23 are 18 per cent higher than in the same period last year. The PT4 falling off as we might have strain, mainly associated with hoped, and we have arranged eggs and poultry, is 27 per cent higher. The increases have been

even more marked in the past six weeks of that period, with salmonella enteritidis up by 51 per cent and PT4 up by 61 in March last year, agriculture 51 per cent and PT4 up by 61 in March last year, agriculture ministry officials have slaughing to the figures collected by the centre, which is part of the Public Health Laboratory Service (PHI S) vice (PHLS).

demands for another public enquiry to re-examine all the dent environmental health ex-evidence to see what the government's slaughter policy latest statistics points to the government's slaughter policy latest statistics points to the has achieved and whether it is failure of the government's worth going on with it," Keith control programme. It has Pulman, secretary of the imposed the most draconian

are they going to do when they have slaughtered the last layer in this country and food

poisoning is still rising?"

Jerry Wiggin, the Tory
chairman of the Commons select committee on culture, said: "This is a very difficult area. There are question marks over the government's slaughter programme. The enteritidis graph is not to meet officials of the PHLS in January to discuss the statistics. If we feel it is necessary, we will consider

salmonella infection has been

Richard North, an indepen-

A SHARP rise in food poison-ing incidents attributed to the ers' Association, said. "What to control salmonella enteritidis and has been rewarded by an unabated series of

about 10 per cent below what it was before December 1988, when Edwins Currie, then junior health minister, claimed that most egg produc-tion was infected with salmonella, while poultry meat emption is rising.

There is no slaughter policy for broiler poultry flocks even though the level of salmonella contamination in such flocks is put as high as 60 per cent. Inadequate cooking of chicken, or cross-contan preparation, might be one reason for the continuing rise in salmonella enteritidis, egg industry sources believe.

John Roberts, poultry adviser to the National Farmers' Union, said: "We think the government is right to continue compulsory testing of layer flocks for salmonella, but we would like to see more trials on antibiotic treatment of infected flocks as an alter-



Episcopal trio: the Archbishop of Cauter-bury, Dr Robert Runcie, with (left) the Right Rev Clive Handford, bishop suffragan of Warwick, and the Right Rev John Oliver, hishop of Hereford, after their consecration yesterday at Westminster Abbey. The new hishop of Warwick, who is aged 53, has spent much of his ministry in the Middle East. After national service with the RAF in Jordan and Iraq, he returned to Baghdad only to be forced to leave for Iran by the Six

He stayed for six years as Anglican chaplain to Lebanon and Syria. Bishop Oliver, aged 55, formerly priest in charge of West Stafford with Frome Billet, diocese of Salisbury, said that the closer involvement of lay people in church life was among his priorities. "I am very thrilled about this appointment. I know and love the diocese of Hereford abready. My wife and I have a cottage on the borders of Herefordshire and we spent the first day of our honeymoon having tea in the deanery."

### Religious syllabus dispute settled

By RUTH GLEDHILL RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS REPORTER

A NEW religious education syllabus for children in the North-East has been agreed after parents withdrew their objections. The compromise comes in a climate of increas-ing concern about religious

education.

The draft syllabus for schools in Newcastle upon Tyne had attracted strong protest from parents, who said that it was a "multi-faith mish-mash" that required only one term to be spent on teaching Christianity in secondary school.

Church leaders and parents in the city feared that the syllabus played down the importance of the Bible and placed too great a reliance on the thematic approach to the teaching of religions. A local parent-teacher

group, Christians and Tyneside Schools, said that the draft would be illegal if will vote next month on the 15 agreed as a final version because it did not reflect mainly Christian religious traditions, as required by the 1988 Education Reform Act.

The Newcastle objectors per cent immediately, with a resolution of the recommended by the two lecturers unions, is worth 9.6 per cent immediately, with a resolution of the recommendate by the two lecturers unions, is worth 9.6 per cent immediately, with a resolution of the recommendate by the two lecturers unions, is worth 9.6 per cent immediately.

syllabus, which has now been the new financial year when Under the draft syllabus, Newcastle secondary school

pupils needed to study two asmajor events in the life of Jes- unions, said. us. Newcastle has now decided that the Bible should be "a major resource at every stage". Boy Downer, the city's

director of education, said that the syllabus went through several drafts before the final version was agreed. "I am delighted with the way it has gone. I have a personal interest in religious education because I am a church-goer. I never had a confrontation with the people concerned; it was a good-natured discussion of issues. It was never the intention to erode distinctions between various religions."

### OU plans expansion into Euro capitals

HIGHER EDUCATION

PLANS to double the number of Open University (OU) students by setting up centres in European Community cap-itals are being formulated by John Daniel, the university's new vice-chancellor. Fees would rise faster than inflation to finance the expansion-

The scheme is also intended to cut the waiting list for places and reduce the university's dependence on government funds. Dr Daniel says in today's edition of The Times Higher Education Supplement: The problem that bothers me most is the number of people we have had to turn away this year. The attitude seems to be that we are being fair if we take people on a first come first served basis, and it's the govern-ment's fault if there's a waiting

list.
"I say that's rubbish. We have to do something about it, and that almost certainly means increasing fees." About 20,000 people are on the waiting list this year. The university has almost 200,000 students. A doubling of the undergraduate programme alone would take that figure to more than 270,000.

Dr Daniel hopes to expand the range of scholarships and bursaries to ensure continued access for low-income groups Undergraduate fees already stand at £1,744, with summer schools being an additional

Andrew Smith, Labour's higher education spokesman said that the prospect of higher fees would cause great apprehension. "If the Open University wants to expand into the whole community, it needs to look realistically at what people can afford."

The university has offered Belgium and Luxembourg for added a study centre in The Hague. Dr Daniel's scheme would add centres elsewhere in the Community, and also build on growing links with eastern Europe.

withdrew their opposition lump sum of £500 and the after changes to the proposed addition of one increment is come into force.

Industrial action has been suspended until the result of pects only of Christianity in the ballots are known, in midtheir entire school careers: the January, David Triesman, the Apostles' Creed and one of the chief negotiator for the



Dr Daniel: increase in student fees likely

# Tireless Karpov in crushing triumph

By RAYMOND KEENE, CHESS CORRESPONDENT

ANATOLY Karpov, the chal- those comments, but judging lenger, bounced back from defeat in the marathon sixby the half-hour to reply Kasparov had overlooked teenth game of the world chess them completely. championship in Lyons, France, to level the scores with a crushing victory in the seventeenth. Gary Kasparov, the champion, resigned on the fortieth move.

Those who expected that Karpov would be physically and mentally exhausted by the 102-move earlier game were proved wrong. His play was a textbook model of strategy, redolent of his very best days. Kasparov, however, is coming under increasing criticism from his supporters for his stubborn adherence to the Grunfeld Defence. He has used it four times in this match, obtaining a bad position each time. Many

grandmasters believe that he has played it too often. In so many of Kasparov's defeats by Karpov, as here, the white pawn centre eventually advances to decisive effect, leading to the creation of a mighty passed pawn in the d file. Kasparov has lost more games to Karpov with the Gunfeld Defence than with any other opening

Karpov's chances in game 17 looked promising when he 6 introduced a new tenth move, a paradoxical advance with his knight. This move had never been played in erandmaster practice, but was mentioned by M P. Meinsohn in his local chess column in the Lyons paper Le Progrès. Karpov had clearly noticed

As a result of that new move Karpov moved into the middle game with his pawn centre impervious to any black counterplay. For the final 14 moves Kasparov could only sit and watch as Karpov

massed his pieces. The score is level again at 81/2 points each with seven games to play. Karpov white

The final position

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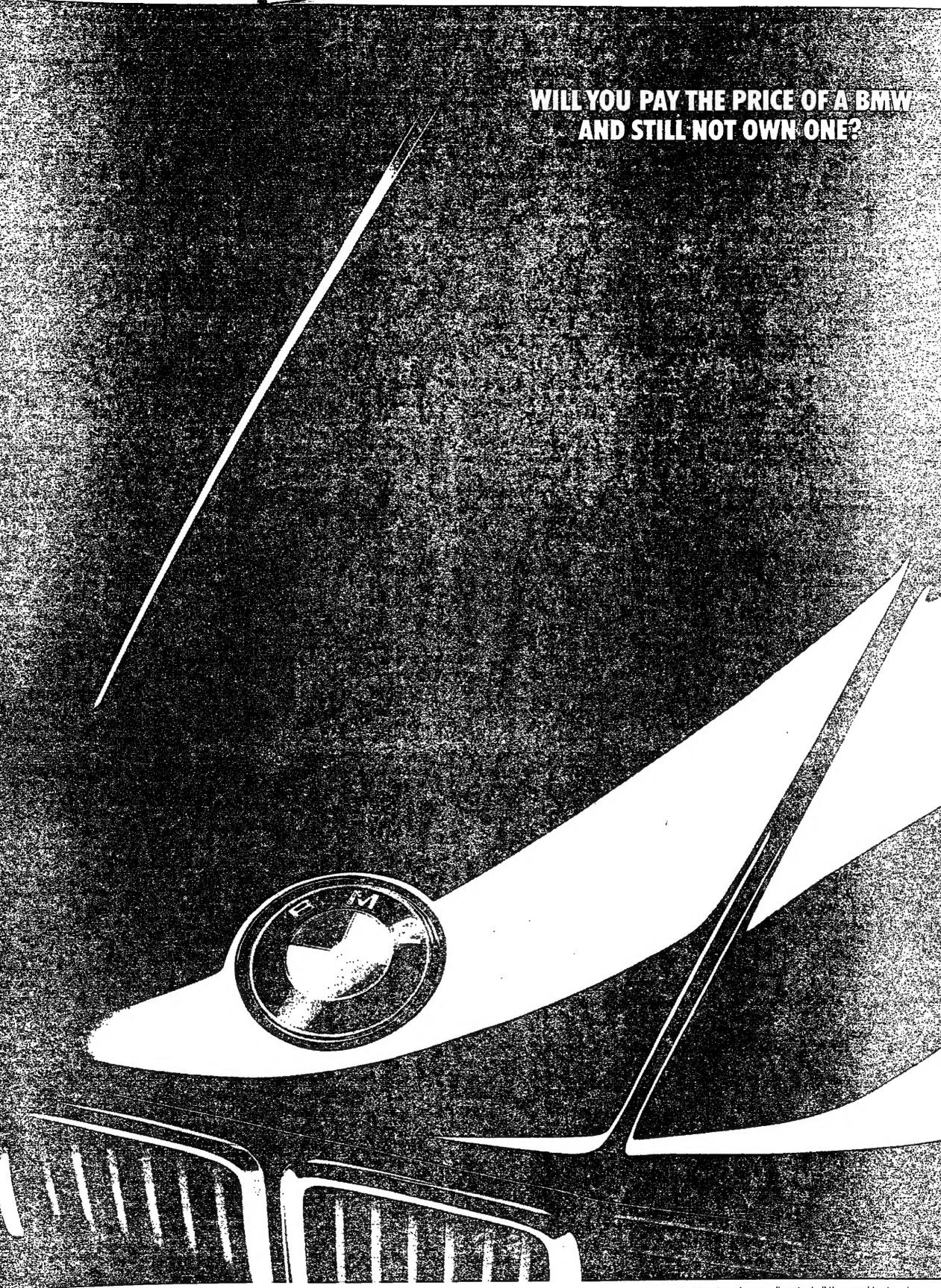
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# Scholey defends Scottish closure

By Sheila Gunn Political reporter

SIR Robert Scholey, the British Steel chairman, yesterday strongly defended plans to close Ravenscraig's hot strip mill in Motherwell with the loss of 770 jobs and ruled out its sale to another operator.

He told MPs that he thought that the mill's assets would be sold for scrap. He refused to rule out the closure of other parts of the Ravenscraig complex which trade unionists believe will be at risk without the hot strip mill.

Called before the Commons trade and industry committee. Sir Robert, who admitted under pressure that he had not visited Ravenscraig since 1985, insisted that British Steel must cut costs because of weak market conditions. The company could make better profits operating two rather than three hot strip mills, but he could not disclose the profit position at Ravenscraig.

The committee is to question the new Scottish secretary, Ian Lang, next week about the closure plans and the prospects for Scotland's

# Where loyalty comes first, principle second

CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

MICHAEL Jopling chief whip in the first Thatcher with which few who have held that post would quarrel. Asked once by a senior backbencher if he agreed that lovalty should come before principle, he replied: "Yes,

The story was recalled yesterday as the lower-thanexpected Conservative majority in the Commons poll tax debate led some to ponder whether a less stringent whipping regime would accompany the softer tone coming from Downing Street since John Major's arrival. The answer is almost certainly no.

As rebellions go, it was of the "small earthquake" variety. Indeed it hardly merited the revolt label. Of the 60 Conservative MPs who did not vote for the government, half a dozen at most were genuine rebels.

John Lee, who had memorably told the Commons earlier that the poll tax was a flagship which had destroyed the admiral (that is, Margaret Thatcher), voted with the Opposition, and four others deliberately abstained. Nevertheless, the result left Lab-



our MPs happier than at any time since the election of Mr Major. They felt they had taken the shine off Michael Heseltine's return to the dispatch box. One government whip ruefully claimed that they had staged a coup against the BBC which led its early-morning bulletins yes-terday with stories of the

Not much of an inquest was required by the Conservative whips. Nearly all the bsentees, who included Mrs Thatcher, the foreign, defence and energy secretaries, and a host of other ministers, had been given permission to stay away. Despite the arrival



Tim Renton

of Mr Heseltine at the environment department, the whips had expected at least a

The reason the majority fell below 60 was the strong attendance of the Opposition parties. Richard Ryder, the new government chief whip, was following the practice of his recent predecessors of aiming for a majority in the 65-70 range. For some years it has been usual not to try to muster the full 95 majority on all divisions, even those of the three-line variety. Whips admitted yesterday

that at least 33 MPs had been unofficially "slipped"; told they need not turn up. Seven-



David Waddington

teen were at the Council of Europe in Brussels, others were at important meetings in marginal constituencies, some were attending their constituency executives. Mrs Thatcher was with Ronald

One whip said: "Surely 57 is a big enough majority. Labour would love a majority of one. People are not going to be brought back from all corners for nothing." With extra forces at their disposal, the whips believe it better to deploy them in the right places.

Derek Foster, Labour chief whip, often the butt of criti-cism in the past for failing to



Richard Ryder

mobilise his troops, pulled out the stops on an issue that his party believes will be vital the next election campaign. He ordered everyone back. The result was that only eight Labour MPs who were entitled to vote did not do so; seven had acceptable reasons for being away, and only one who should have attended, David Lambie, failed to do so. It was Labour's best turnout on

such an occasion since 1983. Tory chief whips of the past decade have all had their own ways of keeping their forces in order, and bringing the rebels into line. They are as powerful as any member



Michael Jepling

of the government other than the prime minister. It is their advice that counts when the prime minister is considering promotions or bringing MPs into the government.

Most MPs who have served throughout those years agree that Mr Jopling was the toughest, but then be had a smaller majority (44) tect. Mr Jopling was not averse to summoning recalcitrants to his office off the members' lobby and bawling them out.

John Wakeham, who ran the whips' office with smooth efficiency from 1983 to 1987, took a more persuasive line.

inviting in potential rebels for a glass of whisky, but letting them know in un-mistakable terms that they

were letting the side down.
David Waddington, who replaced him, also had a genial air, but ran than the office in a more military style, and often delivered stern lectures to his colhad never been in the whips office before being sent there to replace Mr Waddington in October 1989, had a more urbane style, but was reputed to have a prodigious memory for the most minor sins.

All of them had powerful henchmen. Tristan Garel-Jones, deputy to three, was known to put the fear of God into some of the less experi-enced colleagues. David Lightbown, still in Mr Ryder's team, is built like a nightclub bouncer and scares some of his backbenchers by

his sheer physical presence. Mr Ryder, who took over last week, goes to the post as probably one of the most popular figures ever to be appointed to it. There will be few histrionics. Calling everyone back on Wednesday would have been overkill that would have eaten into the fund of good will with which he starts the job.

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## **Hurd sets British** agenda for Rome

By Peter MULLIGAN AND RICHARD FORD

BRITAIN is to press at next week's inter-governmental conference in Rome on political union for sanctions to be imposed on member states of the European Community which ignore rulings of the European court.

The government will also urge the European parliament to monitor more closely the work of the European Commission. It will call for the Community to take on a coordinating role in some aspects of security including confidence building measures that flow from the CSCE. Douglas Hurd told MPs

## 'Bungalow blight' in Ulster

ENVIRONMENT

NORTHERN Ireland was suffering from bungalow blight, pollution and the destruction of its countryside because of the lack of planning and "green" laws, the Commons environment committee said yesterday (Sheila

Gunn writes). The MPs' report added that "the troubles" did not remove the need for extending British and European environmental protection laws to the pro-vince.The Tory-dominated committee criticised the gov ernment's attitude to the planning laws and called for action to stop the destruction of ancient peat bogs and to control smoke and water pollution, poison waste dumps and development in

the countryside. "As far as the environment is concerned, Northern Ireland is now at a crossroads. We were pleased to see signs of economic recovery but are concerned about the impact that this could have without a clear, coherent policy on the environment in Northern Ireland," the report said.

Environmental protection was far less highly developed in Ulster than in the rest of the United Kingdom. The comminee recommended that the government

extend British and EC environmental laws to Northern Ireland: protect Strangford Lough from large-scale commercial fishing,

o prosecute for water pollution: outlaw sales of unauthorised fuels in smoke-con-

trol areas: review planning laws; set up an environmental

· designate and protect important peat bogs; and publish annual environmental statistics for the whole UK and for Northern Ireland. EUROPE

that he wanted the EC to be more efficient and effective but said that Britain remained opposed to giving the Com-

liament greater powers.

Outlining a more pragmatic approach towards developments in the Community, Mr Hurd said: "We do not see the Community as a river or even a glacier which moves minute by minute inevitably, inexorably in a preordained direction. That is not how it

works or how it should work. "The Community evolves but that takes place by working out what the Community's actual needs are but not by an inevitable law of gravity or by

He said they had not been persuaded by calls for an extension of the commission's powers, of qualified majority for the European parliament "But because we have to say that we are not persuaded of the case for these changes, it does not mean that our stance in this conference will be a

Before Mr Hurd told MPs in the Commons of the government's ideas, Whitehall sources made plain that, contrary to earlier indications, there was no plan to publish a comprehensive paper on its approach towards Europe They indicated that Mr Hurd was working on a speech that would set out the govern-

in a debate on developments in the Community, Mr Hurd said that he wanted to make it more efficient and effective, to improve compliance with European court rulings, strengthen the voice of Europe in the world and to improve the scrutiny of the commission.

Britain would press for sanctions to be levied against member states that failed to comply with court rulings and wanted the European perliament to "direct fresh energy at monitoring com-mission spending rather than seeking new legislative pow-

While opposing Commonity involvement in some aspects of defence policy. particularly the deployment of troops and weapons, he said it could have a co-ordinating role in matters of European

Mr Hurd suggested that the Community could take on some of the ideas accepted at the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe including confidence building schemes and the conciliation

the Community.

## Parliament next week

The main business in the House of Commons next week is expected to be: Monday: Road Traffic bill. second reading. Tuesday: Debate on the Gulf

Wednesday: Debate on an Opposition motion on the economic recession. Thursday: Debate on investigations under company and financial services law. Friday: Debate on economic, environmental and popula-

The main business in the Lords is expected to be: Tuesday: Statutory Sick Pay bill, second rerading. Debate on vocational training. Wednesday: Debate on cus todial and non-custodial sen-

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of disputes. Throughout his speech the foreign secretary remained much more emollient towards

# Labour plans health service free of the market place

THE Labour party yesterday set out its compromise solution for a more efficient and accountable health service without the strings of the market place attached.

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William Waldegrave the health secretary immediately topped up with the marginal ifesto as "a stale old mishmash of expensive bribes to the unions" which would lead to escalating costs.

ran out of money.

Robin Cook, Opposition health spokesman, said that

Labour promises to bring an end to the spate of bed closures every autumn, by creating a substantial reserve fund that could be given to



#### New post for head of COI

Mike Devereau, director general of the Central Office of Information, has been appointed head of the Government Information Service in addition to his present position,

Downing Street said. That marks a change from the situation under Margaret Thatcher when Bernard Ingham, her chief press officer, was also head of the information

Mr Devereau, who is 53, moved from journalism to Whitehall more than 20 years ago. He was appointed director general of the COI last year. In his new post he will have charge of 1,200 information officers serving all parts of government.

#### MPs debate hanging

John MacGregor, leader of the House, confirmed that MPs would have the opportunity on December 17 to debate all aspects of capital punishment. The debate will arise on new Criminal Justice bill.

#### Council cash

environment secretary, will be laying his proposals for government revenue support for local authorities before the Commons before the Christmas recess, but they will not be debated until the new year, John MacGregor, leader of the House, said.

#### Angola aid

The government is to provide a further £500,000 in emergency aid for the victims of drought and civil war in Angola, Lynda Chalker, the overseas aid minister, said in a written reply. It brings to £1.5 million the total of relief aid to the country.

#### Energy 'safe

John Major said in a Commons written reply that the energy department would remain as a separate department at least until the end of the present Parliament. The prime minister said that his expectation was that the workload would justify its retention.

hospitals that were treating the sum would be spread over more patients than planned. Hospitals would be given "flexed" budgets that could be drugs and dressings, if they

the reserve fund, which would be held at region or district level, could be as high as 10 per cent to 15 per cent of the hospital budget, or between £1.8 billion and £2.7 billion.

Hospitals would be able to compete for the pot, although they would have no guaranteed access to extra money. The system, which builds on the existing cash-limited scheme, could however encourage mid-year shroudwaving by doctors anxious for a share of the funds.

Mr Cook made clear that the aim was to encourage hospitals to use their full capacity — a policy that in the short term would benefit overbedded London hospitals. In the longer term, hospitals would be built in underprovided areas, particularly in areas of population growth.

Launching the health docu-ment A Fresh Start for Health, Neil Kinnock confirmed that a Labour government would "repeal" self-governing hos-pitals and GP budget holders and dismantle any internal market, "Like the British people, we reject the market model of medicine which forces hospitals and doctors to compete against each other for the cheapest treatments."

However, Labour is ex-pected to retain the split between the provider and purchaser of health care that is part of the government's health service reforms.

Under Labour, the purchaser would draw up contracts or "performance agreements" based on the volume of work and quality of care expected. These would be linked to national health targets such as reductions in the number of deaths from lung cancer and coronary heart

District health authorities would be supervised by strategic boards that would set local targets and standards of performance. The document, which has few details in many areas, fails to spell out what would happen if health authorities failed to meet their

Defending his private osteopathy treatment for a neck injury this year, Mr Kinnock said a Labour government would see if alternative medicine could be brought in under

the NHS. Earlier, he pledged to put investment in the health service before tax cuts.

"In this country there is now a strong mandate for using available public resources for the public good and in their order of priorities the British people give top place to the need to invest in the health services. We shall honour their mandate."

Although Mr Kinnock pledged more resources for the NHS, he did not spell out how much, indicating merely that Labour would be making "proper provision" to make good underfunding of 2 per cent to 3 per cent over the past

11 years. The National Association of Health Authorities and Trusts has estimated that NHS underfunding since 1980 has accumulated to £4.5billion. However yesterday Mr Cook

due to come into effect in

Lord Strathclyde, a Scot-

tish office minister, said that

consultation had confirmed

that shooting was not an

important pressure, and the

previously announced ban

had not been imposed. The

Nature Conservancy Coun-

cil was following up the consultation with research.

Lady Nicol expressed

alarm at the decline in

numbers of capercaillie so

far as could be judged, 10

fewer than 2,000 birds. "It is

not good to eat and not even

good sport." She called for an immediate ban.

it was well known that the

cause of the decline in

capercaillie population was

loss of habitat. Sporting

estates were interested in

extending the habitat. That

was why the government

had asked for a voluntary

ban rather than imposing a

statutory one.

Lord Strathclyde said that

# First bury your capercaillie...

By JOHN WINDER against a ban on shooting the birds which had been

October.

THE world's largest grouse, the capercaillie, may be at considerable risk from gastronomes.

A suggestion in the House of Lords yesterday that the threatened species is of little interest to shooters because it provides poor sport and poor eating, was rejected by a Liberal Democrat peer who offered what passed for a recipe for this inhabitant of the Scots pine forests.

The recipe: Take one dead capercaillie, bury it for three months and exhume it. Then cook it. Lord Mackie of Benshie, aged 71, said that very brave people would then find it edible.

On the sporting side, his advice as a keen shot was that the capercaillie approaching at an apparent 15mph was in fact doing a deceptive 75mph. That would make it a more

sporting proposition. Lady Nicol, a Labour peer, had started the exchanges by asking why the government had decided

a minimum hourly wage has also not been costed for the attacked Labour's health mannow take home less than £100

Mr Cook said that a Labour government would give priority to health promotion and would draw on recommendations of the Black report on health inequalities. It would ban tobacco advertising, except at the point of sale and bring back free eye tests and dental tests.

and Mr Kinnock were careful

the life of a parliament.

"We have examined the NHS and we diagnose a case of chronic neglect aggravated by an acute attack of dogmatism", Mr Cook said.
Labour would set up a new department of health and

community care with a sepa-rate minister. Although it would adopt the government's plan to give local conneils responsibility for community



Cope: intends to lick party machine into shape

# Chief of staff job for party number two

By RICHARD FORD AND NICHOLAS WOOD

CHRIS Patten has made John Cope, his new deputy at Conservative Central Office, his "chief of staff" and charged him with licking the

the next election. The new Tory chairman is

central office in last week's clearer idea of their duties and eshuffle from the number two slot at the Northern Ireland Office, has been asked by Mr Patten to tighten up the nuts and bolts of party organis-ation. Mr Cope, a chartered accountant by profession, will Major. concentrate on office management and strengthening the links between central office and constituency parties.

parties more advice and guidance on the pressures gen-

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candidates. But he does not intend to interfere in their party machine into shape for jealously guarded right to

select a potential MP. Mr Patten and Mr Cope are understood to believe that the understood to believe that replacement of Margaret despite the changes made by Thatcher by John Major their predecessors, there is strengthens the case for either room for improvement at going to the country early or holding on until 1992. Mr Cope, who moved to headquarters could be given a

> Mr Patten's role will be to deploy his public relations skills to project the more compassionate brand of Conservatism associated with Mr

The new party chairman is also expected to play a bigger role in policy formulation. He is a former head of the central He wants central office staff office research department and agents to play a bigger role and he is understood to be in by-election planning. In giving thought to enhancing particular, he wants the party the department's role in pol-professionals to give local icy-making. icy-making. The Tory chairman is

ance on the pressures generated by a by-election. He would like local associations to pay greater attention to who supported Michael Hessuch factors when choosing eltine in the leadership battle.

## Major hint on MPs' hours

By ROBIN OAKLEY

JOHN Major gave tacit encouragement vesterday to demands for an improvement of the working hours and prac-tices of the House of Commons, saying that he would not "stand against" any reform plans produced by the procedure committee.

There is renewed, although so far unco-ordinated, pressure for Westminster's working practices to be changed. During his campaign for the Tory leadership, Douglas Hurd promised urgent priority for reforms in the conduct of parliamentary life. But the difficulties were underlined by Michael Heseltine, who said: "attractive to say, difficult to do", pointing out that any restriction on the hours Parliament sat would risk diminishing the rights of the Opposition to examine and

But at least MPs will have a longer Christmas holiday this year. John MacGregor, leader of the House, announced yesterday that Parliament will rise on December 20 and not return until January 14.

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delay legislation. Delay is almost an MP's sole weapon.

# Ministers rule out ethnic monitoring of justice system

police, probation officers and

Monitoring would not definitely prove whether the crim- inating against whites. inal justice system discriminated against racial minorities and would be expen-

Mr Patten said, however, that ministers would view sympathetically the calls from all sides of the committee for the bill to impose a legal duty on the police and other agencies to treat all people equally.

MPs are now hopeful that a non-discrimination clause will be written into the legislation, although Opposition mem-bers feel that a declaratory statement might have little impact without systematic ethnic monitoring throughout

the system.

Mr Patten accepted that allegations of racial bias by the police and other decisionmakers required further investigation, but he suggested that the way forward in the short-term was to commission more in-depth surveys.

He said that data already

cent of their white counterparts, other figures suggested that courts might be discrim-

Gerry Bermingham, Labour MP for St Helens South, orities and would be expensive. John Patten, Home that ethnic monitoring that the ethnic monitoring that ethnic monitoring the ethnic monitoring that ethnic monito challenged Mr Patten's claim the racial background of defendants. The MP, a practis-ing barrister, added: "I have seen first-time offenders who happen to be black get three years on their first offence. I have seen Irish defendants being discriminated against just that little bit more."

Mr Patten pointed out that courts were already bound to

MINISTERS firmly dismissed support the claims of bias. For the terms of the judicial oath, yesterday the possibility of introducing in the near future widespread ethnic monitoring of decisions taken by the ones, compared with 11 per digher court. He also felt that they had been unfairly treated could always appeal to a higher court. He also felt that they had been unfairly treated could always appeal to a higher court. He also felt that they had been unfairly treated could always appeal to a higher court. He also felt that they had been unfairly treated could always appeal to a higher court. He also felt that they had been unfairly treated could always appeal to a higher court. He also felt that they had been unfairly treated could always appeal to a higher court. He also felt that they had been unfairly treated could always appeal to a higher court. He also felt that they had been unfairly treated could always appeal to a higher court. He also felt that they had been unfairly treated could always appeal to a higher court. He also felt that they had been unfairly treated could always appeal to a higher court. He also felt that they had been unfairly treated could always appeal to a higher court. He also felt that they had been unfairly treated could always appeal to a higher court. He also felt that they had been unfairly treated could always appeal to a higher court. He also felt that they had been unfairly treated they had been u and defendants who felt that shrining a non-discrimination clause in the bill, had been badly drafted. He said later, however, that he sympathised with the spirit of the amendment and indicated that the

government might endorse it

in some form.

Andrew Mitchell, MP for Gedling and one of four Conservative committee members who have publicly called for a be built into the legislation. said: "The thinking and thrust behind the proposed clause is Terry Dicks, a worthy one." Terry Dicks, Tory MP for Hayes and Harlington, disagreed. He said that such a clause would amount to a slur on the



## £20m of heroin found in Turkish lorries

CUSTOMS officers at Dover making a random check on two Turkish lorries found £20 million worth of heroin under the floor boards. The consignment weighed 203kg (446lb), the largest single seizure of heroin made in Britain.

The lorries had travelled the "Balkan route" across Europe before catching the

border checks. They were loaded with textiles but customs officers made a the highest annual figure yet. "cold pull" search and discovered about 100kg of heroin hidden in each.

The seizure, on Friday last week, was more than three times bigger than the previous record of 60kg, which was also

drugs being found in any intervening on October 15. The amount of heroin recovered this year is more than 500kg,

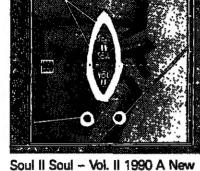
> A Turkish man was being questioned yesterday. Two other men have been charged with illegal importation of heroin and remanded in custody by Dover magistrates until tomorrow.

bronze sculpture of a window cleaner, eyes raised for his next job, stands out among passers-by in a west London street. The work, by Alan Sly, took two months to complete and was commissioned by St Martin's Property Corporation for its newly refurbished Capital House in Chapel Street, which is clad almost



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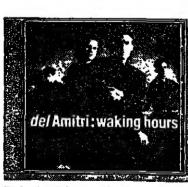


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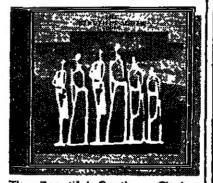


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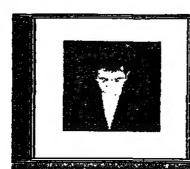
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## Stoic who keeps defeatism at bay in a Tehran cell

Letters to friends and relatives from Roger Cooper, Britain's longestserving Gulf hostage, give an insight to life and conditions in his Tehran prison cell. Connie Sutherland reports

ROGER Cooper, Britain's longest-serving Gulf hostage, starts his sixth year in Evin prison, Tehran, today. He has not had the hotel treatment of Britain's Baghdad hostages, who can drink cocktails and talk to television crews about their olight. However, nor has he been held in total isolation like the other hostages released from Beirut: chained to radiators, transported in coffins under lorries and treated worse than animals His conditions are tol-

erable, probably more comfortable than those of British remand prisoners crowded three to a cell in a space designed for one.

Officially, Mr Cooper is not a hostage at all, just a prisoner "serving his term" though the precise nature of his offence, date of trial or conviction (if any) and length of sentence are still a mystery. Iranian spokesme have variously denied that he has been tried, have: stated in the majlis (par-liament) that he has been, have announced and retracted a death sentence and have spoken of sentences of

ten, 14 and 16 years.

The truth is that since the Iranians accused him of spying and extracted a televised semi-confession from him, the case has been an embarrassment to them. Imprecise spying charges are a common excuse for holding Westerners in the Gulf. In Mr Cooper's case, they emerged over a year after his arrest to justify his contin-ued detention after a British spokesman had made a heavy-handed reference to the case on television.

Mir-Hossein Moussavi, Iran's former premier, was goaded into justifying the goaded into justifying the affair by saying that he was held on spying charges. Soon after, the television "confession" was filmed and zealous prison interrogators found further proof. Mr Cooper, aged 55, had had on him a bleeper to call his office in Dubai. That was his office in Dubai. That was described as a "long-range communications device capable of reaching Cyprus". Although his apparently Mr Cooper, his morale re-

mains high. In August, when talks between Britain and Iran seemed deadlocked, he wrote to a senior framian diplomat stating that it would be wrong for the British government to insist on his freedom as a pre-condition for re-establishing relations. He added that he did not want to be freed by a pardon. He has always declared his innocence and for several years has asked for, but not been given, a ju-dicial review of his case.

He carries on a spirited correspondence with a wide range of friends. At his suggestion they formed a Friends of Roger Cooper Society, and it is from their shared correspondence files that this picture of Mr Cooper's prison life is

His problems come less from the prison guards, his turnkeys as he calls them, than from fellow prisoners. He chooses his cell-mates, and for most of the first three years he chose solitary confinement, preferring cramped solitude to the option of sharing a cell with

smokers who kept the television blaring all day. In this period he read voraciously. A letter from August 1987 says: "I'm about two thirds of the way through Shakespeare, which is wonderful. The Bible though, is a disappointment genocide and racism." H also amused himself by writing rude anagrams about British politicians and undertook paid transla tion work for his captors.

At the end of that time he started translating Avatolish Khomeini's poetry into Enghish sonnets. One of them was published along with learned notes on its religious symbolism in the Englishlanguage The Tehran Times. He has spent some time

with a group of foreign prisoners, including a Brit-ish soldier of fortune, sub-



Cooper: starting his

sixth year in captivity sequently released, who said that Mr Cooper was not popular with the other prisoners because of his friendli

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ness with the prison officers. For about a year he was allowed the best of both worlds, keeping his own small cell where he could read, write and study but having the human company of the other prisoners. Now he is again in a shared cell, vision, but with little privacy. He has, however, recently been allowed to sit in the corridor after lights out, which gives him two or three hours of quiet for letters and serious reading.

In a recent letter he said and an American. Mr Cooper claims to have a phisticated palate, in spite of years of captivity. His latest letter complains that "somewhat reluctantly I have had to take over the cooking from John after I found him putting our procious pasta in insufficient, not quite boiling water then overcooking it and not reheating it after draining There was some friction over this but he seemed unwilling to learn and Helmut finally sided with me

From the tone of his lively letters, there does not seem at tough prison routine. It has gone on too long, however. Political contacts, now that Britain and Iran again have diplomatic relations, can smooth over some of the minor inconveniences of prison life, such as arranging regular consular visits, bu that is no substitute for freedom, and what remains is a hope that the spiritual authorities who control the Islamic Republic of Iran can recognise his innocence and send him home for

Liverpool football supporters anxious to watch the FA Cup semi-final at Hillsborough were unaware of people being crushed to death in front of them, the inquest into the tragedy was told yesterday. Inspector Gordon Sykes said supporters at the back had no idea what was happening on the terrace.

Mr Sykes was called to the I arrainer I are terrace at the Mr Sykes was called to the Leppings Lane terrace at the Sheffield ground where 95 fans were crushed to death shortly

after the start of the match against Nottingham Forest on April

15 last year. The hearing continues today. Player accused Karate captain

Mark Dennis, the Crystal Aiden Trimble, aged 29, has Palace left back, of Streatham, south London, was remanded on bail at Wimbledon yes-terday accused of beating and threatening to kill his former

Jail for fraud

estate, who fraudulently raised hundreds of thousands on mortgages, was jailed for four and a half years and ordered to forfeit £75,400 at Knightsbridge crown court yesterday for three offences of fraud.

Rude awakening

A man who escaped from Stanford Hill prison, Kent, was recaptured yesterday, after being found asleep in a house he had burgled in Andover, Hampshire.

become the youngest fifth dan in the UK in Shotokan Karate. Trimble, a council official from Nottingham, will captain the British team in the World Karate Championships in Du-bai later this month.

Shop charges

Kirpal Singh Johl, of Richard Madeley, presenter of Stevenage, Hertfordshire, a former rent clerk for a council gramme This Morning, was the Granada television pro-gramme This Morning, was sent for trial at Manchester yesterday on two charges of

shoplifting Food firm fined Plumrose, food manufacturer of Hull, Humberside, was fined £850 at Nottingham yesterday after a bolt was

found in paté. Tree stolen

A two-foot bonsai tree, worth £400, has been dug up by

The enquiry into the Lockerbie air disaster adjourns today and no more evidence will be taken until the new year, after the second

anniversary of the crash on December 21. Kerry Gill and Sue Ellicott report.

# \$4m security budget 'cut substantially'

A BUDGET of \$4 million was earmarked to set up Alert, Pan Am's security subsidiary, but this was later substantially reduced by the airline, the judicial enquiry into the Lockerbie disaster was told yesterday.
Wilfrid Wood, who was em-

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ployed by Pan Am to establish the organisation, said: "At the outset one of the promises was that there would be an unlimited budget. The top line was \$4.02 million (£2.09 million). But in the end the real money spent was \$100,000 in the first year.

Colonel Wood, aged 59, a former British army officer, said he had anti-terrorist experience in the army before he was taken on by Pan Am on January 1, 1987, on a "handshake contract". He said Harry Pizer, the airline's head of corporate security, appeared unwilling to put anything in writing.

"I believe that was because he was keen to avoid anything which might result in his being responsible for security matters," said Colonel Wood. The enquiry was told that a memo to Alert staff from Fred Ford, Pan Am's president, said: "If we do not give the programme a fair chance it could be a very significant embarrassment for us ail." Colonel Wood commented that it could be dangerous rather than embarrassing when asked if he concurred with Mr Ford's point of view.

"If you set up a security programme as a sham and people believe in it, you could end up believing in it yourself. It is

basically dishonest," he said. Colonel Wood said he had tried to get away from the practice of hiring security staff who were generally considered by fellow workers as below the status of cleaners. He quoted a saying in the security business: "If they can tie their shoe laces, well and good. If they cast a shadow, employ

them." The enquiry, which draws to a close today, will reopen on January 22. Held before Sheriff Principal John Mowat in Easter-brook Hall, part of the Crichton Royal hospital, Dumfries, the enquiry began on October 1 under strict security. Indeed, those entering the red sandstone hall have commented that security is tighter than at most airports.

Fatal accident enquiries, similar to English inquests, are normally held within a sheriff court although a sheriff can hold one wherever he considers it appropriate. In the case of the Lockerbie bearing, the Easterbrook Hall was the only place believed big enough to hold the mass of lawyers, advocates, press and public.

The hospital, founded in 1839, has a world-wide reputation for the care of the mentally ill. Its peak occupancy was after the turn of the century when it had more than a thousand petients: it now

members of the Boeing 747 that blew up over Lockerbie with the

loss of 270 lives will raise court

actions in New York next June

against the security company em-

ployed by Pan Am (Kerry Gill

writes). They expect to win dam-

ages amounting to several million

pounds for each of the crew

Judson Francis, the families'

lawyer, said they would seek damages for the loss incurred by the

families and the pre-crash terror

experienced by the crew who, they

will argue, regained consciousness

20,000ft above the ground and

may have lived for a short time

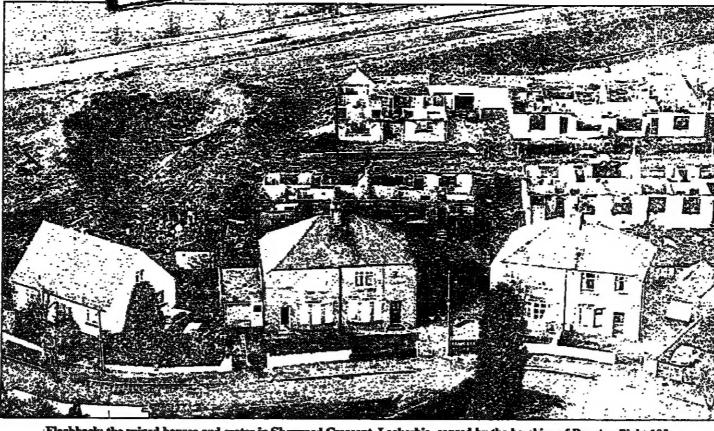
Mr Francis said last night that

the three people for whom his firm

was acting showed no evidence of

members' families.

after falling to earth.



Flashback: the ruined houses and crater in Sherwood Crescent, Lockerbie, caused by the bombing of Pan Am flight 103

has about 450. In the event very few members of the public have attended the enquiry and only a handful of relatives have been prepared to undergo the stress of hearing evidence relating to the bombing. Among those who have attended regularly is Jim Swire, spokesman for the British relatives, who lost his daughter in the

Sheriff Principal Mowat and the advocates representing a variety of parties, ranging from the Crown to bereaved relatives, sit in gowns and wigs in what has officially been designated a court for the duration of the enquiry. The en-

the explosion but clearly had been

made unconscious by the cold air

and lack of oxygen. According to

Dr Jerome Schneider, an expert

witness who will give evidence

before a US district court, they

tween 20,000ft and 18,000ft and

would have experienced the terror

It has been established in US

courts that the family of someone

who suffered "pre-crash terror"

can claim substantial damages.

The family of a pilot whose plane

crashed near Fort Worth won

\$100,000 damages when it was

proved that he lived for 20

seconds before hitting the ground.

alleging negligence would be

brought against Alert, the security

company employed by Pan Am,

Mr Francis said the actions

of falling to their deaths.

would have come round at be-

Crew families to sue for 'pre-crash terror'

quiry is expected to continue until cause of death. The circumstances early spring.
The sheriff principal will then were painstakingly recorded.

issue his findings, most probably some time after the enquiry ends. Among them will be where and when the deaths of the 270 people killed took place, the causes of death, reasonable precautions that might have been taken to avoid the tragedy and defects that may have contributed to the deaths.

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The most harrowing part of the enquiry was when Sergeant David Johnstone spent days in the witness box giving details of the 270 people killed, where their bodies were discovered and the

Am World Services, a wholly owned subsidiary of Pan Am

Corporation, was sold off in May

last year but was the company that

employed Alert. The actions are

on behalf of the families of Jerry

Avritt, a flight engineer, and Lilibeth Macalooly and Jocelyn

At Dumfries the judicial en-

quiry into the disaster has heard

numerous allegations of mistakes

and negligence concerning sec-

urity at Frankfurt airport, from

where the bomb was believed to

The head of Pan Am's security

at Frankfurt was said to have been

unfit for his job and was dismissed

24 weeks after the bombing. His

employers found of irregularities including the disappearance of

Reina, air stewardesses.

have originated.

relating to every one of the dead

John Boyd, Inspector of Con-stabulary for Scotland, who was chief constable of Dumfries and Galloway at the time of the bombing, said 658 bags of human remains were recovered. They were cremated at a service on January 31 last year. His men, he said, had the task of giving information to relatives. Some reacted with shock, others with

Because of the severe injuries

frustration as they demanded that

DM100,000 (about £35,000) for

A former Alert employee told

the enquiry that security at Heath-

row airport was totally inadequate

at the time of the disaster. David

Cooke said he was so badly paid

that he could not remember how

much he earned, adding that no

meaningful training was given by

he was aware that unaccompanied

baggage was placed on board flight

103 when it left Heathrow, Later

during the enquiry Daniel Sone-son, the deputy head of Pan Am's

corporate security operation, de-

nied that his instruction to allow

flights to depart from Frankfurt

and Heathrow with unsearched,

unaccompanied baggage had been grossly irresponsible.

A Pan Am employee said that

which he was responsible.

bodies be released

to be dissuaded from seeing victims unless accompanied by medical staff. In the event, only two bodies were identified by relatives and these relatives were doctors.

The scale of the disaster only became apparent hours after the crash. The next morning the hills around Lockerbie were strewn with bodies and debris.

For survivors on the ground the memories of that night can never be purged. John Smith, a retired policeman aged 76, entered the court with a stick, his hands still wrapped in medicinal mittens.

He had dragged his injured wife, Janet, aged 75, from their blazing home in Sherwood Crescent, the worst-affected area of the town where part of the plane crashed and exploded. A policeman described the explosion as being like a miniature atomic bomb.

Mr and Mrs Smith were watching television when the crash occurred. He told the enquiry that flaming aviation fuel belched down from the ceiling and he became separated from his wife by a wall of flame.

Few obvious reminders of the disaster remain in Lockerbie. The crater caused by the fuselage has been grassed over. The notice board that daily recorded the dead taken to the makeshift morgue at the town hall now bears lists of intended marriages. It is in Dryfesdale cemetery that memories linger, little cellophane parcels protecting victims' photographs and mementoes recovered from the hills.

### **Bomber** identified as Libyan, says Cable News

From Susan Ellicott IN WASHINGTON

INVESTIGATORS of the Pan Am flight 103 disaster have identified the bomber as a Libyan intelligence agent and will issue indictments soon, according to the US television station Cable News

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In a special documentary this week the network reported that the suspect was a male colleague of another Libyan agent identified as Mohammed al-Naydi, who also uses the name Mohammed al-Marzouk. The programme was aired two weeks after a former director of operations at the Central Intelligence Agency's counter-terrorism unit said the US was close to laying charges against those responsible for the bombing.

On Wednesday CNN reported that Mr al-Naydi was arrested in February 1988 in Dakar, Senegal, in possession of bomb timing devices that matched those discovered among the debris of the crash. The network added that Ahmed Jibril, the Syrian-backed Palestinian leader, recruited the suspected agent, whom it did not name, because he did not want to trust fellow Palestinians to carry out the bombing. The suspect went to Malta in November 1988 where he packed a suitcase including the plastic explosives that blew up the flight.

The unaccompanied case was sent to Frankfurt, where it was loaded onto a Pan Am flight to London, then transferred to Pan Am flight 103 to New York. Investigators believe the bomb was disguised in a portable cassette player in the suitcase.

Mr Jibril has long been the chief Lockerbie suspect. Previous evidence by American intelligence officials to congressional hearings have hinted that they considered his organisation was behind the bomb attack.

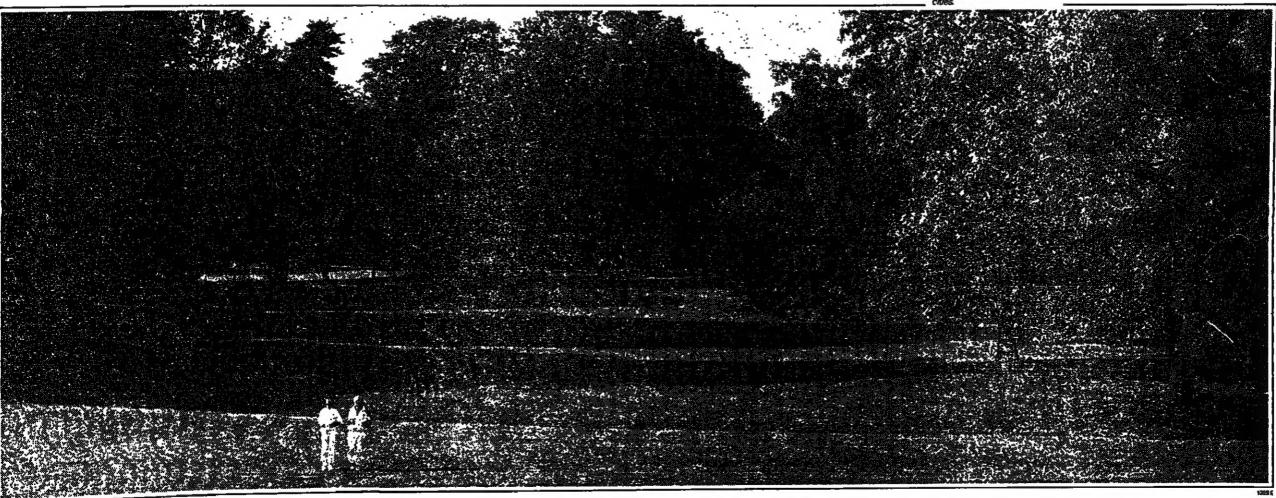
Recently, however, officials in Washington have suggested a different hypothesis, that Mr Jibril handed the job over to a Libyan group.

The Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine - General Command, which is led by Mr Jibril, has consistently denied it

was responsible for the attack. The US Justice Department declined comment yesterday on the CNN report.

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# Polish election rivals tire of insults and put faith in Church

presidency, a month-long jumble of insults, murky threats and media manipulation, spluttered to a close last night with the two candidates

unable to agree even on a pre-

election television debate. The formal campaigning ends at noon today and the vote to determine who will lead Poland into the 1990s comes on Sunday. But the climax, as far as challenger Stanislaw "Stan" Tyminski was concerned, should have been the televised debate last

His staff had prepared docu-ments which, they believed, would fatally compromise Lech Walesa, the Solidarity chief and favourite to win the presidency. But Mr Walesa refused to attend, declaring that "Mr Tyminski has violated the basic rules of political culture in this country". The Solidarity leader, in fact, had agreed to a television debate to be staged last Sunday and had sat in the studio but Mr Tyminski did not

The latest opinion poll gives Mr Walesa 58 per cent support and Mr Tyminski 23 per cent. Even if some of Mr Walesa's support melts in a low turnout, he can be confident of

Mr Tyminski, an emigré big rabbit out of his hat to save his campaign. He argued at a Silesian rally: "We have a choice - either we want the totalitarian rule of Mr Walesa, or we want conditions as they are in Canada and America. I am not promising you the impossible." But the crowd no

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THE campaign for the Polish longer cheers such utterances. ead there are increasingly violent brawls and rowdy heckling. Squads of Wales

last four Tyminski rallies and chanted "go back to Peru" or "KGB, KGB".

Eatanswill election in Pickwick Papers, Mr Tyminski, swamped by pro-Walesa shouting, started to whip up a Warsaw rally by leading a chorus of down with Solidarity". His Peruvian wife joined in with "Stan Tyminski, Stan Tyminski", the only two Polwords she knows.

Tyminski supporters infiltrated their way into the studio audience of the Interpelacja television programme where Mr Walesa's chief of staff, Jacek Merkel, was answering questions.
"Hey, stop talking about
Tyminski's mythical connections with the secret police and look at all the Solidarity deputies and their ties with the security service," shouted one youth. Yesterday the interior minister, Dr Krzysztof Kozlowski, confirmed that many of the helpers in the Tyminski election campaign were frus-trated former communists

and secret agents. Mr Walesa changed gear this week and stopped holding rallies, relying on television paign alive. Polish television, though running election advertisements uncensored, has been biased towards Mr

But the crucial battle in the campaign has been for the support of the Catholic Church leadership. It is this

unhappy Silesian workers and Tyminski in the first round of the elections on November 25, allowing him to displace the third-ranking candidate, the prime minister, Tadeusz

The Church was at first neutral in the campaign. The deputy chairman of the Polish bishops' conference, Bishop Alojzy Orszulik, made a point of declaring. "The bishops and the clergy may not assist anyone in achieving political power." When Mr Tyminski serged as a real contender for the presidency, the bishops issued a statement that the post of president should be seen as the culmination of the past 10 years of struggle against totalitarianism clear vote of support for Mr

Walesa, who has headed Solidarity for the past decade. Mr Tyminski by contrast emigrated in 1969. He claims to be a Catholic and argued that the bishop's declaration applied to him.

Both candidates tried to claim the moral high ground, but the result has been even more chaotic than when they were slinging mud. Mr Walesa could point to a stable marriage, eight children and a long connection with the Church and the pope. Mr Tyminski by contrast divorced his first Finnish wife and married the wife of his best friend in Peru. He had two children with her before marrying her. Such unorthodox arrangements are not unusual in modern Poland, but they still have shock value in the Catholic-dominated countryside.

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Faces of grief: an injured student being belped at the school in Bologna hit by a military plane on a training flight from Verona yesterday

# EC closes ranks on agriculture

THE common agricultural policy has been cast as the villain of the Gatt talks. During four days of mounting tension and bitter recriminations, one theme has run through the accusations of the United States and other big farm exporters: the CAP alone was bankrupting world markets and ruining the chances of poorer nations winning a share of world prosperity.

"This round offers us a unique opportunity to change the agricultural policies of our competitors," an American negotiator was quoted as saying at the start of the talks. European ministers

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pected this from the beginning. In an unusual display of solidarity, the British, the Dutch, the French and the Germans, who only four weeks ago were angrily ing each other's farm policies, have banded together vigorous public defence of

John Gummer, the culture minister, said the was no way that America and its allies would be allowed to destroy the fabric of the policy, which had brought spectacular prosperity and stability to Europe's farmers over the past 30 years. Some subsidies were essential

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for farming, he insisted. No one doubts the CAP is now Europe had never promised to phase them all out. He understood the com-

plaints of those who blamed the CAP for undermining world markets. But, with an unusual touch of pro-European defiance, he insisted that Europe would not change its policies under pressure

Raymond MacSharry, the European Community agriculture commissioner, went further. "I'll tell you what others want. They think the EC should not produce any food at all. They think we should produce less, export less and import more. It ain't largest food trade deficit in the world - \$25 billion."

He has a vested interest in maintaining the policy he has to run. But Britain's defence comes as a surprise from a country that has been denouncing the CAP as wasteful and inefficient. Ironically it comes on the eve of some of the most wide-ranging re-forms in the CAP since it was set up in a deal between France and Germany to protect the most vulnerable sector of the continent's economy. environmental protection.

in trouble. Food mountains are rising again, chronic sur-pluses seem ineradicable, the budget still takes up over twothirds of EC spending, and 80 per cent of all support goes to 20 per cent of the farmers.

Reform has always stumbled over the power of the noisy farm lobby, especially in France and Germany. But the need for reform has gradually been accepted by all. The Germans have been largely bought off with promises of direct aids to compensate for cuts in subsidies, and direct aids to protect their landscape and rural livelihoods. Reports going to be so. The EC has the of massive fraud and ingrained corruption have upset the Dutch and Danes, themselves efficient farmers. Even the Irish have accepted the

need for curbs on production. The proposed changes are not yet all on the table. But they are likely to tighten further the eligibility for subsidies, link payments more closely to the market, take more land out of production, land with cash compensation and enforce tougher rules on

## Italian jet crashes on school

By PAUL BOMPARD IN ROME AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

AT LEAST 12 people died and more than 100 were injured when an Italian military plane crashed in flames on a school in north Italy yesterday. The aircraft hit the first floor of a secondary school near Bologna, where about 200 pupils

were attending classes.

Some of the students jumped from first-floor windows on to a lawn to escape the flames and noxious fumes from the plane. At least three of the dead were crushed when the plane bored a hole about five yards in diameter through

The pilot of the aircraft, a Macchi MB326 jet trainer, had ejected a few seconds earlier after telling the Bologna control tower that his controls had jammed and his engine was on fire. The school. in the suburb of Casalecchio, is barely more than a mile

A witness said the plane was already in flames as it came gliding down. It passed be-tween two blocks of flats and then smashed through the side of the Salvemini Vocational School and burst into flames A spokesman at the main Maggiore hospital in Bologa said at least four of the taken there were in serious condition in the intensive care 200 students aged between 14 and 18. One student who survived the crash unscathed said he was sitting in a out of the window. "I saw the

there was a tremendors crash," he said. One girl told of students throwing themselves out of first and second-floor win dows as the building filled with smoke and flames. A student who was on the first floor when she heard the crash said: "Our teacher shouted 'Get out! Get out!' We jumped out of the windows, people

Rescue workers said one girl was found practically upharmed in the wreckage under

one of the aircraft's wings. The air force named the pilot as Bruno Viviani, aged 24, who was on on a training flight from Verona, 60 miles from Bologna. It said he was taken to the Maggiore hospital with fractures of three

# Resignations add to Chirac's woes

By PHILIP JACOBSON

FRANCE'S divided and degrowing gulf between public opinion and those in power". moralised conservative opposition was split further yester-Their resignations come at a particularly awkward moment for the RPR leader, Jacques day by the sudden departure of two former government ministers, Michèle Barzach and Michel Noir. Both an-Chirac: the former prime minister has been struggling to nounced that they were resigning their seats in the National Assembly and would also be leaving the leading right-wing party, the Rassemblement pour la République (RPR). Generally seen as represent-

ing the centrist tendency of the RPR, Mme Barzach, aged 47, and M Noir, aged 46 -respectively the former min-ister of health and the former minister for trade - were among the more prominent younger politicians jockeying for position as dissatisfaction with their party leadership increased. They were both critical yesterday of conservative policies, arguing that their party had failed the voters: M Noir, who remains mayor of Lyons, criticised outmoded political struc-'a vast national somersault", while Mme Barzach expressed

hold his party together while continuing the long-running feud with Valery Giscard d'Estains, head of France's other main opposition grouping, the centre-right Union pour la Démocratie Française. They were publicly at odds again only two days ago over the right conservative policy on France and the European Community. While neither Mme Barzach

nor M Noir were in any position to threaten M Chirac's iron grip on the RPR. their abrupt departure, with so public a show of discontent, further underlines the weaknesses of France's secondlargest parliamentary party. Constant internal bickering, periodic efforts to challenge the leadership, and the virtual tures" and appealed to fellow absence of serious alternative RPR deputies to follow him in policies have allowed the minority Socialist government a comparatively easy

## profound dismay at "the ride since early 1988. Press spotlight penetrates Le Monde's troubled world

From PHILIP JACOBSON IN PARIS

ONE newspaper, above all, is an institution in France. There are those who find Le Monde essential reading, others who find it essentially unreadable, but on that one point there is agreement. Commonly described as austere, this afternoon newspaper, with a circulation of nearly 400,000, is far and away the most influential in public life, above all in politics.

But it is Le Monde's own affairs that will make headlines today at a special shareholders' meeting to try to resolve an embarrassing conflict over who is to replace André Fontaine, its distinguished editor and chief executive. The meeting will again attempt to thrash out a compromise that does least damage to the paper's high standing and avert serious financial difficulties. Earlier this week, in what many Le

Monde journalists saw as a blow to their cherished independence, a general meeting of shareholders refused to accept M Fontaine's chosen succesor, Daniel Vernet. At present editorial director, he enjoys widespread support among staff but fell far short of gaining the required 75 per cent approval. The suff opposition from Le Monde's outside shareholders to his

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appointment, almost a year after M Fontaine had first nominated him, is explained in part by the newspaper's balance sheet.

Although sales have been rising comfortably since the mid-1980s, and no other French newspaper enjoys such prestige abroad. Le Monde is expected to end 1990 at least 40 million francs (£4 million) in the red, alongside accumulated debts of around 300 million francs.

The central problem is that the newspaper, founded in December 1944 under General de Gaulle's patronage, has precious little revenue from other sources. Plans to land a contract for printing the tabloid daily. Le Parisien, at Le Monde's costly new plant outside Paris were sunk by technical troubles.

What comes next is anyone's gue though M Vernet appears to have lost his chance: there is talk of going for an suitably impressive outsider, with the name of Roger Fauroux, the industry minister. doing the rounds. On the other hand, there are rumours that M Fontaine, whose term does not expire officially until the end of next year, could be persuaded without difficulty to stay on,

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ward. The school has about classroom when he glanced plane flying straight at me and had just time to think, what is he doing, is he mad? And that

were shoving each other. They were falling out like fish, like dead fish."

# Successor to Ershad pledges early poll as mobs seek revenge

PRESIDENT Ershad of Bang-ladesh resigned yesterday and have been approved by par-handed control of Bangla-have been approved by par-desh radio, he has no desire handed over power to a caretaker leader, fulfilling a pledge of his final acts Mr Ershad \_to opposition leaders who had waged a seven-week campaign of strikes and demonstrations

A general election is to be Jatiya party, and they feared eld within 90 days. Mr being attacked by crowds. held within 90 days. Mr Ershad, a former general who seized power in a bloodless unanimously by the three coup eight years ago, admin-istered the oath of office to Shahabuddin Ahmed, nominated by opposition parties as acting president. He is chief justice of the supreme court.

The oath was administered "in Mr Ershad's house inside Dhaka's military cantonment, a heavily guarded complex of offices and houses. Afterwards Mr Ahmed, aged 62, held talks Pakistan, came into being as with opposition leaders. His an independent country in

By Christopher Thomas

dissolved the body because few MPs were willing to risk appearing in public. Two-thirds of MPs belong to his

Mr Ahmed was chosen main opposition parties to succeed Mr Ershad, who had threatened to boycott elections promised in May unless the government was first dis-solved. They said the Ershad administration would not have permitted a free and fair election. Mr Ahmed is the eleventh president since Bangladesh, formerly East

organisations could seek ex-

planations for reports. Jour-

nalists would be free to submit

mittee also said this week that

all semi-government organ-isations abould use only the

in a month.

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# Sikh militants kill Punjab journalist

From Christopher Thomas in Delhi

ALL India Radio's station tants and their organisations". director in the Punjabi capital It said the leaders of five Sikh of Chandigarh was shot dead by unidentified gunmen yesterday in the first sign of a new assault on journalists and the complaints to the committee. media.

The death of Rajinder Kumar Talib came after the Punjab government and journalists received a warning last month not to use the word "terrorist" in describing the groups waging an armed campaign in the state. It said they must be called militants. Those violating the instruction would be killed.

All India Radio described "the killers as "terrorists" when it reported the murder in its news bulletins yesterday. Journalists in Punjab have said they would ignore the socalled code of conduct issued by the groups, but in practice in the second threatened the press has mostly aban-assault on an ancient mosque doned the word terrorist.

The Sikh Panthic committee, the separatists' under-ground "cabinet", said the groups should be called "militants. Khalistani freedom released. fighters or Khalistani mujahedin". The Panthic committee must not be described as "Pakistan-based". It ordered news agencies to give more news from the "land of Khalistan" and declared the "weaknesses of the mih- tory of the site. for a political career and will return to the bench after the

> "My task will be to hold parliamentary elections as soon as possible and transfer power to a democratic government," he told a news conference after his appointment. He would, he said, institute legal reforms to dismantle the apparatus of one-man rule.

Mr Ershad is expected to contest the forthcoming elections. His party is calculating that the opposition groups, whose fierce rivalries have been subsumed into a concerted joint campaign against the government, will now start to argue among themselves. A wave of vengeance killings has been reported

against Mr Ershad's supporters, and the former general has virtually confined himself to the security of his home. Thousands of people gathered at Dhaka international airport to stop government leaders leaving the country. There were angry scenes when it was rumoured that Mr Ershad's wife and son had left the country.

Police said mobs had attacked the former leader's supporters. Earlier this week crowds set fire to his party headquarters in centra Dhaka, and the homes of his government ministers have come under attack in the capital and the city of

Chittagong,
Four people were killed
yesterday as the public's anger Punjabi language in official work from December 10. The Panthic committee said against supporters of the fallen it would not tolerate the government continued to take imposition of alien culture or its toll: Police said that a man any disrespect to the Punjabi was murdered at a rally in language. The culture, lancentral Dhaka. Three others guage and religion of Punjab bud been undermined. were lynched in southern

In Ayodhya, Hindus For the past two days huge marched on a disputed holy crowds have been celebrating site yesterday, watched by in Dhaka with drums, bugles thousands of security forces, and national flags after Mr Ershad's earlier announce-ment that he would step down and clear the way for elections. There are widespread de-mands for Mr Ershad and his supporters to be put on trial.

Paramilitary police sur-rounded the building and arrested about 1,200 dem-onstrators who were later Rumours have been circulating that Mr Ershad may be allowed to leave the The relatively peaceful procountry. Some news agencies reported, however, that he was test has given breathing space to the government to try to being confined against his will work out a permanent sol-ution to the dispute. The to his home, which opposition government wants both sides to accept the findings of a judicial inquiry into the his-



Opening act: Elizabeth Taylor, aged 57, sitting impassively in a Los Angeles court during jury selection in the lawsuit between the actress and her former boyfriend, Henry Wynberg, aged 56. He is seeking a share in profits from her Passion perfume

## Brooklyn police get better of pistol-packing kid, aged 3

THREE-year-old brought an unusual toy to his nursery school class in Brooklyn this week - a .25 calibre automatic pistol. When police disarmed the boy, they found the weapon had one bullet in the chamber ready for firing and three more in the magazine.

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"He was real scared when the police showed up," said a teacher. "He is just a little boy." The toddler, who found the gun in his family car, broke by three years the record for the youngest gunslinger in town. In January, a six-yearold was picked up with a

londed revolver. The incident prompted little surprise in a city witnessing leaders denied. According to an accelerating surge of savone account, the army had refused his request to be overwhelmed the police. The

passed 2,000 on Sunday, the Services Agency says the choir, which numbers 20 behighest in New York's history. Allowing for the traditional tween the ages of five and 15, seasonal surge in the killing, provides mutual healing. William Spires, aged 11, whose mother was killed by a mur-derer on parole, said: "When you find out other people went about 180 more citizens are expected to be shot or knifed to death by New Year's Day. One sad symptom of the violent times is the debut of a through the same thing, it

makes you feel more sup-port." Mayor David Dinkins group of seasonal songsters called the Children of Homihas unveiled an anti-crime cide Victims' Chorale. To qualify for entry, children must have suffered the loss of package package, which will eventually add 3,000 officers to the city's beleaguered police a close family member by murder. The city's Victims'

# demand | truce by action by Salvador **Pretoria**

IN JOHANNESSURG

BLACK power took to the streets of South Africa yesterday in a boisterous demonstration of impatience with the pace of government

Marching under the banners of the African National Congress and the South African Communist Party, tens of thousands of township dwellers converged on President de Klerk's offices in Pretoria, and town halls and police head-quarters in other cities, to demand an interim government, immediate release of political prisoners, and the early return of exiles.

Despite government warnings that it would deal firmly with intimidation and violence, permission was granted for the demonstrations, the police kept a low profile and no incidents were reported.

The national campaign under the slogan "peace and freedom now", is the first concerted mass action staged by the ANC since the organisation was unbanned in February, and is due to last until the new year. Planned events include a "mass visit" to Robben Island prison, off Cape Town, and candlelight marches to police stations throughout the country.

A petition delivered to Mr de Klerk's office and police stations yesterday said an upsurge of political violence had demonstrated that apartheid was still in place and (black) people had no access to legislative power. "The time has come — and the time is now - to end the steel ring of apartheid around our neck," it

The document accused the government of failing to recip-rocate after the ANC's suspension of its "armed struggle" by releasing all political prisoners and permitting the return of

"The little trust that was beginning to emerge has been wiped out," it said. "Your motives are becoming suspect, and our people are questioning your sincerity and our wisdom in negotiating with

# Blacks | Holiday rebels

San Salvador – Left-wing Salvadorean rebels have announced truces in the capital for Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

They were announced by Nidia Diaz, the rebel leader, in an interview with the independent YSKL radio station. A 17-day wave of attacks by the rebel Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front has claimed at least 200 lives and wounded more than 400 people.

The rebel leader said: "This is a unilateral truce ... not an agreed one." President Cristiani has said the government would agree to a Christmas truce. (Reuter)

#### **Poll victors** flee Rangoon

Rangoon - Ten politicians, who have been accused of trying to set up an illegal government in Burma, have fled from the capital, according to the state-run newspaper. The Working People's Daily.

available in Bangkok. The ten are members of the Burmese National League for Democracy, whose landslide victory in elections in May has been ignored so far by the military rulers of the couptry. (Reuter)

#### Chinese visit

Peking - Wan Li, aged 74, the chairman of China's parliament, who postponed a visit to Britain last month saying he was ill, has recov-ered and will make the trip at a later date, a government of-ficial said. (Reuter)

#### Homeless exile

Yaoundé - Hissène Habré, aged 48, the ousted president of Chad who fled to Cameroon, is looking for a country to grant him asylum, official sources said here. (Reuter)

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Port-au-Prince - An explosion at a raily for Father Jean-Bertrand Aristide, a pro-gressive Haitian Roman Catholic priest running for president, has killed five people and injured 54. according Haitian radio. (Reuter)

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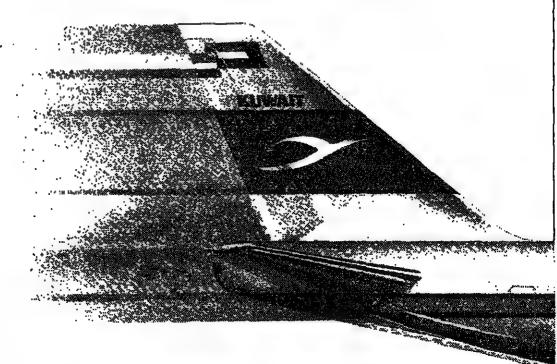
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# Cautious Bush says America must keep the pressure on Iraq

reported offer yesterday to se all foreign hostages shift in Baghdad's resolve.

"I hope it's credible." Presiweek-long tour of Latin America. "No single hostage should have been taken in the first place," he said. "I hope it shows that the

strategy is working and that Saddam understands that his hostage policy has incurred the condemnation of the whole world. We have got to keep the pressure on."

Mr Bush's comments came

evidence" that the Iraqi leader was ready to comply fully and unconditionally with United Nations resolutions aimed at ending the conflict without war. He also said he was not optimistic that direct talks between the United States and Iraq would produce a peaceful resolution of the Gulf

President Saddam's concession on the hostages also came after broadcast reports that Washington would support a United Nations Security Council move to call an international conference on the Middle East aimed at resolving the dispute over the

Israeli occupied territories.
James Baker, the American Secretary of State, appearing before Congress to discuss the United States' Gulf policy for

THE United States cautiously said America had not shifted welcomed President Saddam's its policy towards a possible conference. In the past, Washington has made clear it is not held in Iraq but stopped short inflexible towards such a conference, but would only favour one under appropriate cir-cumstances. The Bush admindent Bush said soon after istration has refused to arriving in Santiago during a acquiesce to President Saddam's demands that a resolution of the Gulf conflict be

Baker: policy on possible

linked to a solution of the Arab-Israeli conflict. "This is certainly not an appropriate time for an inter-

national conference," Baker told the House foreign affairs committee. "We are not now recommending that one be held. Nor are we supporting a resolution for the United Nations to convene such a conference."

Later, Mr Baker told the panel that Iraq's foreign min-istry had confirmed President Saddam's offer to America's the second time this week, acting ambassador in Bagh-

dad, Joseph Wilson, who telephoned the state department. The Iraqi president issued his offer in a letter to his National Assembly, ordering the parliament to allow the hostages to go home in time for Christmas and the New Year. The White House said it would do "what is necessary

to get our people out" if the offer was true. In his letter, President Saddam said be was secking the release of the hostages in response to efforts by American congressional Democrats to call a vote on a resolution granting Mr Bush prior approval for war, appeals from Arab leaders and Mr Bush's unexpected invitation last week to hold talks with Iraq's foreign minister, Tariq Aziz, in Washington. Mr Baker is due to travel to Baghdad to hold talks with President Saddam at an un-

Bush administration has described the high-level mis-sion as Iraq's final and best chance for a peaceful end to the confrontation before a United Nations deadline authorising the use of force if iraqi troops have not pulled out of Kuwait. But it has emphasised the meetings will be talks and not negotiations. President Bush said the release of hostages would not pave the way for a face-saving

decided date between Decem-

ber 15 and January 15. The

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deal for the Iraqi leader.



Jaws of war: American air force ground staff of the 23rd Tactical Fighter Wing from Louisiana working on an engine of an A 10 Thursderbolt aircraft in Sandi Arabia. Designed to destroy tanks, the plane has a special nose-mounted 30 mm cannon

# Initiative gets welcome from Kremlin

cautious welcome to the news that President Saddam had offered to release all Western hostages. The foreign ministry spokesman, Vitali Churkin, said Moscow was checking the report before giving its formal

He had announced earlier that 242 Soviet citizens were being allowed to leave Iraq and that more were expected to leave shortly. Moscow complained last week that Baghdad had broken an agreement to allow 1,000 Soviet specialists and their families to leave Iraq during November.

confirmed, will come as welcome relief in Moscow, where the Soviet Union's pro-Westassurances as recently as Tuesam policy is coming under day, when he answered quesincreasing domestic pressure. The original divisions within the military and the foreign policy establishments over the break with Iraq have not healed and the internal situation in the Soviet Union has

In the past two weeks, members of the Soviet parliament have asked for fresh assurances that the Soviet raq during November.

Union would take no part in of many Russians, "is too The indications of move- any military intervention recent for the public to accept

deteriorated, strengthening

the anti-reform lobby.

MOSCOW pesterday gave a ment in the Gulf conflict, if against Iraq and that Soviet renewed military involvement Soviet citizen in Iraq would abroad." troops would not be deployed in the region. President Gorbachev was asked for such

> tions in parliament on changes to the constitution. On the same day, the prime minister, Nikolai Ryzhkov, told the semi-official news agency Interfax that he was absolutely opposed to the Soviet Union playing any part

in military action in the Gulf. "Our experience in Afghanistan and Czechoslovakia," he said, echoing the sentiments

Not all the objections to Soviet involvement in the use of military force are so innocent, however. Some conceal ulterior domestic political motives, focusing on the status of the Soviet parliament and the person of Eduard Shevardnadze, the foreign minister, who last week cast the Soviet vote in favour of a United Nations Security Council deadline for Iraq to leave Knwait.

A group of deputies, apparently orchestrated by the conservative-led group, Soyuz (Union), called for Mr Shevardnadze to appear before parliament to explain himself. They claimed his UN vote was tantamount to approval for the use of force and should have been approved in advance by parliament. This charge was considered

serious enough by the foreign ministry to warrant a statement reiterating Soviet policy and the constitutional position. Absolving Mr Shevardnadze of violating the constitution, the statement said any Soviet military involvement in the Gulf would have to be approved by parliament. It mentioned an exception which combined a warning to Iraq and a loophole for President Gorbuchev.

According to this, the president is authorised to act alone in an "emergency" and, according to the foreign min- of Mr Shevardnadze, istry, the barming of a single particular.

constitute such an emergency. So detailed a statement suggested that the demands voiced by Soyuz had much

broader support and that if the Soviet parliament were to vote on the deployment of Soviet troops in the Gulf it vote would reflect not only popular opposition to the use of Soviet troops abroad, but would be seen as an affirmation by parliament of its power - power which many deputies fear will be diminished by President Gorbachev's changes in the

leadership structure. The foreign ministry's sensitivity to criticism of Soviet Gulf policy was shown again on Wednesday, when an antiwar demonstration by 30 people outside the foreign ministry was taken seriously enough to warrant a forcien ministry representative re-ceiving leaders of the demonstration. The demonstration was organised by the Allnational Russian Committee, an alliance that Soyuz has forged with more moderate sections of the Communist Party and non-party groups in the cause of "saving the

country". The Soyuz group and its allies appear to be using the Gulf issue, where they can command much public support, to undercut the position of the the foreign ministry and

# Testing times at Armageddon dress rehearsal

From Christopher Walker in Dhahran

instruction course in the use of the NCB (nuclear, chemical, biological) suits that many of the 300,000-strong allied forces waiting for possible battle in the Saudi desert have to wear in combat is a sure way of appreciating

the troops' feelings.
Yesterday I joined a class of 20 Westerners being shown by a British expert how to operate the unwieldy suits and the various macabre gadgets that go with them, including the so-called "combipens" - needles with which you inject belladonna into your leg in the event of being caught in an

attack without warning "Never waste your own combi-pens to inject a colleague already affected by chemical agents; just try to get him to hospital as quickly as possible," were told. Also to be carried at all times were relaxant pills, known as Naps - nerve agent pre-THE THE CALL

The course was one of scores in Saudi Arabia, where the NCB suit has overtaken the gold-plated Cadillac as the preferred status symbol. One British company, Avon Industrial Polymers, has sold more than 50,000 at \$650 (£340) each since the Gulf confrontation began.

Because of the necessity of having a correct-fitting respirator, some journalists have shaved off their beards to increase safety. Others have taken to daily rehearsals with their un-familiar clothing in their hotel rooms. A Dhahran firm, Alruque, which advertised American-made Chemrel Max NCB suits ("the ultimate chemical protection") in the Arab News has been in-

undated with orders. It is estimated that masks must be donned excessfully within nine

oining your first seconds to guarantee safety in the event of Armageddon. Minutes after opening the camouflage suit exported from Britain, I was told by the instructor that the respirator was a size too small, therefore useless, and my spare filter (a potential life-saver) lacked its essential vacuum

If the black plastic straw connected to the water bottle broke, we were to shut our eyes, breathe in, pull up the respirator, drink, pull it back, breathe out and shout "Gas, gas, gas", in that order (I think). Although the NCB suits may be complex, their possession is regarded as more valuable now than the gold to be found in the neighbouring souks. "If real trouble begins, people may have to shoot to keep those without suits and masks trying to grab them from those who have them," a mili-

tary official said. The Saudi authorities claim they will be able to give five minutes' warning of an incoming Scud, but Western experts doubt

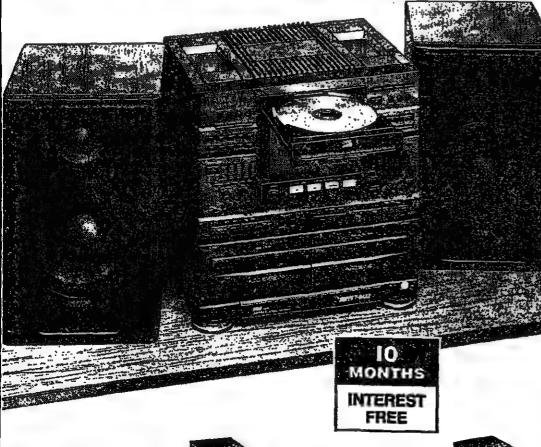
epending on the chemical agent, the

Suit can give protection for many hours. incongruous looking pads of fuller's earth are provided to decontaminate parts of the body which might get exposed, with the method, to be learnt by rote, of "blot, bang, rub". Bits of paper which turn red, amber or green depending on which chemical is dripping on of wafting around are also provided, but glue to altach them to the suit must be provided by the wearer. As well as facing the additional hazard of incoming fire, combat troops wearing the suits in the field must also wear

body armour and two

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# Baghdad loses its hostages gamble

By MICHAEL EVANS AND ALICE THOMSON

THE decision by President different nationalities, in an Saddam Hussein to release all attempt to curry favour with foreign hostages immediately selected countries. Although is more than just a clever he freed some Americans and "goodwill" propaganda ploy.

The Iraqi leader appears to larly on countries he hoped have convinced himself that would have influence in the presence of hostages in Kuwait and Iraq will not from attacking his forces. prevent the Americans from attacking his forces. President Bush and other Western leaders have always made it clear 262 French hostages to go that the hostages could not be home as a reward for what he a deterrent to an attack.

shield" policy, President each country welcomed the saddam clearly believed he release of hostages, President would buy himself time, givwould buy himself time, giv- Saddam gained nothing in ing him a chance to build up return. France said French his defences in Kuwait in preparation for an American attack. Now he has released them before he has finished his task. Iraqi troops are still extending the obstacle belt of back home also incurred the mines, wire and sand berms (mounds), across into southern Iraq, to prevent an allied coalition. The traffic became

have never yet been in a mer West German chancellor, position to go on the offen- on his way out bumped into sive. Two months after the invasion of Kuwait, the US had only 100.000 troops in the way in at Bashdad airport. region. Although offensive planning has been under way for several weeks, the US forces will not be ready to mount an attack until January 15, the deadline set by the UN Security Council resolution, authorising force.

his time in one of half a dozen Edward Heath, Yasuhiro bunkers, President Saddam Nakasone, the former Japahas been a keen follower of CNN, the American television network. So, assuming his land prime minister. staff provide him with Arabic The timing of transcripts each day, he will have been under no illusion that his hostage policy was winning him few friends.

He thought he could release them in small groups of British, he focused particurestraining President Bush German and French hostages were selected for this purpose.

Last month Iraq allowed all saw as French interest in a When he began his "human peaceful settlement. While troops would take part in an offensive, if there was a war.

The arrival of eminent but retired politicians in Baghdad to bring planeloads of hostage wrath of all governments who were members of the anti-lraq so heavy that earlier this In reality, the Americans month Willy Brandt, the for-

President Waldheim of Austria broke the taboo on direct contact with President Saddam and made a much criticised visit to Baghdad in August, securing the release of 96 Austrians. After that there uthorising force. was no stopping what read like Although he spends most of an international Who's Whonese prime minister, David Lange, the former New Zea-

> The timing of President Saddam's decision to free all the bostages has everything to do with the planned visit to Baghdad of James Baker, US secretary of state. The Iraqi leader will be able to tell him







Ways out: Tom Uren, top left, the Australian former MP, celebrating in Amman yesterday with compatriot hostages whose freedom he won in Baghdad. Above, left to right, other politicians who have been successful on similar missions: Willy Brandt, Yasuhiro Nakasone, Edward Heath, Kurt Waldheim, and David Lange

that he has honoured one of smillations. President Saddam hope that he can extend the January 15 deadline.

cans and Britons in Kuwait were instructed to report to designated hotels for dispatch to civilian and military in-

the UN resolutions, in the played his cards cautiously, using the hostages like gambling chips. Twice he has President Saddam decided offered them all, but it was on his hostage policy two always on the understanding weeks after the invasion of that the US would not launch Iraq. On August 16, all Amerian an attack.

and children to leave Iraq and he is only harming his own last month wives were told cause. The hostage question

they could visit their hus- may have provided a link with bands in Iraq at Christmas. \*President Saddam has got all the mileage he can out of the hostages," Sir Anthony Parsons, former British ambassador to Iran and to the United Nations said yes-In September, President terday. "At first they may Saddam allowed all women have had some effect, but now

older Western diplomats but ultimately he basn't blown public opinion off course." Roger Owen, of St Antony's College, Oxford, said that now negotiations looked feasible, the hostages would become counter-productive, and by releasing them President addam could put pressure on

Mr Bush to talk seriously.

# Force threat still hangs over Saddam

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Corresponden

the threat of force against leave. As he welcomed the Office sources advise Britons news from Baghdad, both he in hiding in Kuwait to remain and the prime minister told the Iraqi leader that he should still withdraw unconditionally legitimate government to

Mr Hurd told the Commons: "If President Saddam Hussein does not comply in full with the security council resolutions, then he will be forced to do so. If he does comply, he will not be

At the same time John Major welcomed the apparent decision as wonderful news for hostages and families who had endured so much. The prime minister added: "I would be even happier when they are actually back in the country, both those in Iraq and those still in Kuwait. "It is something we have always pressed for ... and this would implement just one of the steps of the UN Security

Council resolutions, Saddam Hussein still has to withdraw totally and unconditionally from Kuwait and the legitimate government must be In a statement to MPs, Mr Hurd said: "We are delighted

for all the hostages and their families." Britain would be actively seeking early clarificaeverything in our power to done in the first place.

DOUGLAS Hurd, the foreign help those concerned to get secretary, said last night that home as soon as practicable. Aircraft are ready to collect President Saddam Hussein the 1,100 British nationals in remained, despite his promise Kuwait and Iraq if they are to allow foreign hostages to allowed home. But Foreign

under cover until it is clear

they will be allowed to leave. Gerald Kaufman, the shadfrom Kuwait and allow the ow foreign secretary, also welcomed the move. "We share in the rejoicing of the families

of the hostages."
It was Iraq's "first positive response" to the UN demands and raised the possibility of talks between the US and Iraq bearing fruit, "Since the inhumane purpose of holding these hostages was to use them as a human shield in the event of war, this decision may carry important implications for

lraqi policy," he said.
"It's clear evidence that sanctions are working and should be given a chance to work further to bring about, if possible, the withdrawal of Iraq from Kuwait by peaceful

Mr Hurd said he "could not possibly predict" how long it would take for all the hostages to be released. He hoped those in hiding would also be allowed to leave. The Government was trying to clarify the position with Iraq.

Sir David Steel, the foreign affairs spokesman of the Liberal Democrats, said although there was rejoicing for the hostages there should be no vote of thanks for Presition of arrangements for their dent Saddam for undoing departure. "We will then do something he should not have

# Elated families say prayers have been answered

By DAVID YOUNG

release all hostages was greeted with undisguised elation at the headquarters of the Gulf Support Group. Many of the staff manning the helpline at their offices in Kinesway, central London, are relatives

Officially, the group greeted the news with "cautious op-timism". But one of the staff, Sue Dorrington, aged 43, from Chingford, London, whose husband David, also aged 43, is held in Baghdad, could not contain her emotion. She said: I'm over the moon. It's what we've prayed and prayed for." Mr Dorrington, a systems

## Hope for jailed **Irishman**

HOPES were rising after President Saddam's an-nouncement for the early release of Brian Duffy, the 44year-old Ulsterman sentenced in Baghdad on Wednesday to one year's imprisonment for attempting to leave Iraq with-

The MP for South Down, Eddie McGrady, was in the Iraqi embassy to intercede on his constituent's behalf when the news that all hostages were free to leave came through. "It was a very exciting time

and there was great pleasure among everyone concerned that such a happy announcement could be made. I was able to pass on the news to hostages' relatives with visas who were preparing to fly out on Monday. It was very exciting and happy to see thier

faces light up."

Mr McGrady had hoped to see the ambassador, but said he had a fruitful and "hope-fully very positive" meeting with the minister plenipoten-tiary about Mr Duffy's case. "It is ironic and sad that for the sake of 24 hours he has been sentenced to a year in jail and is not free to leave like the

Mr McGrady said the Iraqi minister had responded positively and helpfully to his request that he appeal to Baghdad for Mr Duffy's release on humanitarian grounds. "It gives me some confidence that in the not too distant future things will turn out all right, the Social Democratic and Labour Party

Mr Duffy, from Ardglass, County Down, travelled to Iraq earlier this year on an Irish passport to work with one of two Ulster firms building President Saddam's £15 million new palace in

He was arrested with four of Baghdad. his colleagues on Iraq's northern border with Syria three months ago as they attempted to escape, but only he has been

THE news of the plan to analyst at a Kuwaiti bank, went into hiding after the Iraqis invaded, but was picked Mrs Dorrington spoke to

her husband on the telephone for just 30 seconds yesterday.
"He said 'Have you heard the news? and I said Yes, all here'." She added: "Everything is total confusion. I'm so excited, I can't get my breath. If it happens, it will be absolutely marvellous. It's what we all wanted and have been fighting for, not just one or two, but all of them."

Deborah Pepper, aged 25, from Stafford, said the news that her husband John, a 29 year-old British Airways employee, will be coming home is fantastic. She is among a group of 30 wives who were due to fly to Jordan on Sunday and then on to Baghdad to plead for their husbands' release. They are now considering whether they will make the trip to help celebrate.

The women, whose husbands were on the BA flight which landed in Kuwait on the day the Iraqis invaded, have been given visas for Iraq but have now been advised that they should not travel this weekend. Mrs Pepper said: "John was moved from Ku-wait to Baghdad and since last week I have had daily contact with him. I even spoke to him at 6 am this morning and he obviously hadn't a cine about what was going to be announced."

Mrs Brenda Fort, whose husband, David, is an offshore drilling engineer who was a passenger on board, said: "If by going out there I can get my husband home quicker I will go, but we will have to wait to get advice from the Foreign Office before making up our minds.

The news so far has been wonderful. I did not know how my husband was until Monday of this week when I was finally told that he was in a hotel in Baghdad and I was able to phone him there. He is in very good spirits and hopes to be home to Kent before Christmas."

The passengers had been kept in Kuwait for three weeks before being bussed to Baghdad late in August. They have been in a hotel but it was only on Monday that the Foreign Office was able to let relatives know of the exact whereabouts of the men.

Andy Charles, of the Gulf Support Group, said that there would be "severe logistical problems" in getting them home. He said: "It's going to take a long time to fly people out and it's going to take a long time to persuade people in hiding that it's safe to come out. We are talking to the Iraqi Embassy and also the Foreign Office, trying to get as much information as we can."

British Airways immediate ly said that aircraft were ready to tly to the Gulf to pick up freed hostages as soon as they



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# Queue here for execution

Philip Howard

lass distinction is alive and well. It has merely changed its clothes. Not many people want to be a duke these days (or at any rate, not many admit to it, though I can think of one or two who would like it a lot, each of them quite unsuitable); the term "gentle-man" is something musty, and difficult to use other than ironically, facetiously, or with some other spi given to it, in the way that the English do by intonation and syebrow. The same applies to "lady". "I don't believe in class differences, but luckily my butler disagrees with me," as the old buffer said in the Mare cartoon. But that was some years ago. We are all middle-class now, or at any rate aspiring to the state. Those with private incomes tend to keep quiet about them, rather than splash

But we have not all suddenly become modest and uncompetitive. What we all want to be these days is not a duke, or a courtier, or a gent, or a lady - but an executive. We carry shiny black briefcases, and filofaxes, and portable telephones, and top pockets full of serious pens, as outward and visible badges of our executivedom. Old lady to yuppie self-importantly telephoning his "personal assistant" about some piffling matter on the Bristol flyer: "If you must do that disgusting thing on the train, young man, please do it in the toilet." We have invented executive toys, which can mean anything from worry beads to clashing balls. The important thing is that they should look expensive and exclusive.

The latest edition of Chambers recognises the new weasel word, by defining "executive" as, "for the use of business executives, hence (loosely) expensive, sophisticated". Pompous tycoon in New Yorker cartoon: "This is my executive suite and this is my executive vice-president, Ralph Anderson, and my executive secretary, Adele Eades, and my executive desk and my executive carpet and my executive waste-paperbasket and my executive ashtray and my executive pen set

Anyone who now travels by air at his own expense (and therefore, it goes without saying, in the cheaper seats) cannot fail to have noticed the capacious seats, free drinks, expensive food, "com-plimentary" newspapers, and so on, enjoyed by those travelling in executive and club classes at the expense of their companies and their shareholders. It is becoming increasingly difficult for nonexecutive citizens to get a seat at Wimbledon, Lord's, Twicken-ham, or even blessed St James's Park, because the space is occupied by executive suites for corporate hospitality, i.e. posh private bars dispensing G & Ts to foot-fault from a sidestep, even when the wind is southerly. Selfimportant executive journalists

blackmail airlines to have their tickets "upgraded". In the High-lands the prime shooting rights are all taken for executive and corporate entertaining these days, so pushing the prices beyond the pockets of ordinary, non-exec-

Executive is our new snob and weasel word. This is odd, since it is generally agreed in offices that an executive is somebody who talks to the visitors and goes out to lunch, while others do the work. It is such a colourless little word to have acquired such high and mighty connections. It comes from the modest Latin word exsequor, exsecutus, which merely means to do something to carry something out. Cicero: "Hurrying to execute your instructions." Earlier in this century, as businesses grew bigger, executive was introduced (in the United States at first) to replace businessman and man of affairs, as the name for somebody with some brief authority in an organisation.

All it really means is somebody who gets things done. And we all are full-time couch potatoes. And even then we are executives when we press the button to change channels (if we can find the tellyzapper). Executive is just the latest example of the old English game of snobbery and euphemism, by which a plumber is called a bathroom designer consultant, and a rat catcher a pest extermination manager. Everybody who does anything, from taking over a bank to bringing round new paperclips, is literally an exec-utive. It is just that some people have more to execute than others. The equivalent devalued word in newspapers is editor. There used to be just one editor, and his subordinates were called reporters, writers, and sub-editors. Now any rag worth its 35p has at least 30 editors, with responsibilities ranging from pop to knickers.

The process has inevitably de-valued the word. When everyone is somebodee, then no one's anybody. And all shall equal be: the Earl, the Marquis, and the Dook, the Groom, the Butler and the Cook, the Executive who banks with Coutts, the Executive who cleans the boots. It is a suitable word for such aggrandisement, being as adaptable as Plasticine. Execute, after all, is the word we have used for five centuries as a euphemism for the judicial capital punishment of somebody (and there's another euphemism). The Nazis used "executive measure", Executivmassnahme, as a cuphemism for a political murder. It is a classic weasel word, whose hard meaning can be denied long after the corpses are counted. I think that less evasive words, such as joiner, hack, secretary, accountant, are more honourable job descriptions - as well as more honest.

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one of this would be a hurried on (for graveyards have problem if the cat didn't a way of suddenly reminding have a cerebrum. Because it has a cerebrum, it is capable of rational thought, and occause it is capable of rational thought, it may well have a reason for doing what it does. I need to discover what it is.

Until yesterday morning, I knew neither that cats had cerebra, nor that they could mull things over with them. Cats' brains were a closed book to me, before I opened The Concise Encyclopaedia of Cats. I found it in Child's Hill Public Library, while the cat waited outside. When I came out again, the cat looked up at me, so I showed it the book, because, by dint of a cursory flip while the librarian did her stuff, I had by that time discovered that it had a cerebrum, and I wanted to keep it abreast of developments. Then I walked home. The cat followed. It's about a mile.

"Do you have a lot of cats?" the librarian had enquired, stamping.
"None," I replied. "But one's

been following me for three days I thought I'd try to find "It loves you," said the

librarian. "They do that, with catpeople." "I am not a catperson," I said.

The librarian smiled a cat-person's smile, "You may not think you are," she said. The cat had picked me up on

Monday morning. I was taking my usual short-cut home through Hampstead Cemetery, and I had paused at the mottled headstone of Vitruvius Wyatt (1824-1897) to wonder why anyone should be christened Vitruvius, when the cat came out from behind it. It was a predominantly black cat, but with a half-white face - as if Andrew Lloyd Webber, having wisely concluded that his musical bucket could not go twice to the well, had decided to tailor his ambitions to The Cat of the

Opera — and a white tail. I paid it no attention, and strolled on. It strolled after. When I stopped at the tomb of James Clarke, landlord of Jack Straw's Castle, to regret that nobody in 1913 had mustered the facetiousness to chisel Time, Please! above his remains, the ofa... cat stopped, too. And when I

when I walked a mile to the

shops. It sat outside three of

them, then it walked back at my

heels. I stopped at West Hamp-

stead nick, and went in to ask if

anyone had reported a lost cat, but they said they didn't do cats,

it's bad enough doing dogs, try

sticking a note on the gate, so I

came out again, and the cat got

off the bonnet of a Panda and

fell back in step. It spent the

afternoon outside my front door

again, was gone at midnight, and back on Wednesday morn-

ing. We walked to the library.

the only book we borrowed. We

also took out Desmond Mor-

ris's Catwatching and, God help us, Beverley Nichols's Cats A-Z.

Useless, the pair of them: Mr Morris has 60 chapters with

titles like Why do Cats Eat

Grass? and Why does a Cat Wag

its Tail? but you will search in vain for Why does a Cat Follow

You up the Pub? and Beverley

Nichols says F stands for fur. Since he also says the best way

to appreciate a cat's fur is to have a candle-lit dinner with

it, I saw little point in in-

vestigating what he had entered

under P. The odds against Beverley and his moggie ever

having tied a few on at the

Cricklewood Tavern seemed

somewhat long.
It is Thursday morning as I

front step, and I do not know

what to do next. I had planned

to take a walk across Hamp-

stead Heath, but as it is gen-

erally full of tattooed blokes

with alsatians and Rottweilers

at their heels, I should feel a bit

A bit of a catperson.

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The encyclopaedia was not

you not to hang about) the cat likewise put boot to throttle. I arrived home, and it stopped at the step; I opened the front door, but it showed no inclination to enter. It was not after food or shelter. What was it It sat there all day, but whether it vanished with the gloaming or merely because of it, I did not notice. Certainly, it had gone by midnight, when I put out the empty milk bottles; but when I took in the full ones on Tuesday morning, it was back. It did not stir until noon,

Peter Stothard, US Editor, on the shrewd manipulation of a nation shrinking from war

# Saddam hits the American nerve

President Saddam Hussein has shown an impressive grasp of the American mind. His announcement of an end to hostage-holding removes the most potent irritant that might have prodded his enemy into a popular war. Without some "profound irritation", as George Kennan pointed out 40 years ago, Ameri-can citizens are by nature reluctant to take up arms. Since he wrote those words, their truth has been hidden by the threat of communism, a permanent spur to American preparedness to fight. But they have remained true.

The transformation in international affairs caused by communism's fall has become a cliché of every second-rate speechifier. But the depth of the hole which the events of 1989 have left in American arguments for war has still not been fully mapped. This week the Bush administration has come up hard against Kennan's rule: no single uneasy sensation seeping into the people's consciousss, no heart for a popular war. Since August - and with quickening rhetoric in recent days -- Mr Bush's top advisers have done

their best with logic and argument

to persuade Americans and their representatives in Congress that the threat of imminent war against Iraq must be maintained. But the critical reason for a fight still eludes the presidential grasp. James Baker, the Secretary of

State, gave one of the most powerful performances of his life before the Senate foreign relations committee on Wednesday, arguing that Saddam was a singularly dangerous man, threatening a singularly important part of the world at a singularly important time in history. The main result, however, was an emboldened response by Democrat critics calling for sanctions to be given more time, for greater sensitivity to fraq's diplomatic overtures and for greater consideration of the likely aftermath of war.

Washington political analysts are locked in a debate about whether American scepticism about war is caused by a failure of the president to articulate his policy, or a popular rejection of a policy which is understood all too well. Saddam's view of this argument is now clear. He senses that America understands its president, is not concerned about the dismemberment of the people and polity of Kuwait, will not fight for "international order", and might be moved only by the sense that Saddam is surpidly inflexible over the fate of Americans.

By saying that he will release his hostages (even with all the ambiguity that his statement contains) Saddam is showing that he reacts favourably to positive changes", such as the president's decision to exchange top-level envoys in the next few weeks. The message to the American people is that they need no longer worry about the hostages. The message to Congress is that if Iraq can be flexible on one of the American demands, maybe, with more time, it will be flexible on others: the future of Kuwait and its ruling family.

Saddum needs time. He faces an adversary whose military machine has a momentum that somehow he must stall. Democratic leaders in Congress say that they fear a warpath like that in 1914, when the rail-mobilisation of troops and artillery put peace and war in the hands of those who had fixed the railway timetables. But the Iraqi leader has reason to fear that prospect more than does any liberal senator.

The momentum of diplomacy is also strong. But Saddam knows that talking will not by itself stop war, and indeed, as it did before the battle for the Falklands, may become more intense as the date for fighting grows closer. His best hope is to use diplomacy both to exploit American domestic weakness and to divide the international alliance against him.

Yesterday's news was significant in both respects. In addition to the promise of hostage releases. the exaggeration of American ideas for an international peace conference brought disturbance among the allies, raising the notion that Saddam may be given some indirect incentive to leave Kuwaiti territory. This immediately brought Israel from the wings of the drama, where the United States wants it to stay, 10

centre stage. The bigger worry for the White House, however, is still the mismatch between the president's grand aspirations for American leadership in the new world order, and the reluctance of his critics to judge these aspirations worthy of

ship surrounding the Gulf confrontation. During the Senate hearings on Capitol Hill, influential military figures, including two former chairmen of the joint chiefs of staff, have fed Democratic appetites to embarrass the president. Senator Sam Nunn of Georgia would have to be a saint, which he is not, to ignore the prospective benefits to his own presidential ambitions of appearing to bring America back from the brink of an unpopular war. As one White House aide put it: "This is one more chance that the Democrats see to make George Bush a oneterm president."

If war comes, with thousands of American casualties, all would-be occupants of the White House want to be able to say "we warned you"; if a defeat of Saddam is followed by a resurgence of Iranian or Syrian aggression, ditto; and if the American triumph is total, the Democrats will still be able to say that their congressional leaders played their full part as laid down by the constitution. Saddam Hussein has become a first-class student of American political

# Haughey the first casualty of a quiet revolution in Ireland

day of Mary Robinson as President of Ireland presents a remarkable com-bination of "firsts": first womanpresident, of course; first president not nominated by Fianna Fail; first person elected to any office in the republic to be publicly welcomed by the Grand Master of the Orange Order (the Rev Martin Smith); first president whose inauguration reception was attended by a leading Northern Unionist (Ken Maginnis).

The last two distinctions came about because during her campaign Mrs Robinson indicated that she favours amendment of Articles 2 and 3 of the republic's constitution, which implicitly lay claim to the territory of Northern Ireland. The two other presidential candidates, interestingly, did not attack her over this statement, but remained non-committal. As a result both of Mrs Robinson's statement and of the reticence of her opponents, opposition parties in the Dail have been emboldened to take up this subject, hitherto taboo as far as practical politics were concerned. This week, the Workers' party, on the far left of Irish electoral politics, tabled a resolution for a referendum on the amendment of these articles.

The new leader of Fine Gael, the traditional right wing of Irish politics, supported the resolution, as did the Labour party. Fianna Fail is opposed and its coalition partners, the Progressive Democrats, do not favour any immediate decision, so the articles will not go to a referendum in this parmentary session or probably the lifetime of the present Dail.

That is probably just as well, for the form of amendment proposed by the Workers' party is unsatisfactory. A BBC report described the amendment as removing the republic's "territorial claim" over Northern Ireland, Unfortunately, this is just what the proposed amendment does not do. It would retain the present Article 2, which defines "the national territory" as the whole island of Ireland, its land and the territorial seas". In effect, it would suspend the de facto implementation of that de jure insistence until such time as a majority of the people of Northern



Conor Cruise O'Brien on the tide of change licking round Ireland's territorial imperatives, and its leader

Ireland agrees to the proposition. The amendment conflates Article 2 of the constitution with Article la of the Anglo-Irish Agreement. As this would make explicit the implicit tightening of the north-south relationship that Unionists condemned in Article la, amendment of the constitution along the lines proposed this week would be unlikely to win over Unionist hearts and minds. Still. some ground has been gained, and a taboo has been broken. A satisfactory amendment may yet emerge out of the committee deliberations sensibly proposed by

the Progressive Democrats. In the meantime, the dramatic course of the presidential election has been having repercussions throughout Irish politics. Fine Gael, displeased by the poor showing of its candidate, Austin Currie, has dismissed its leader, Alan Dukes. From the moment of his election, the new leader, John Bruton - hitherto vaguely regarded as right wing — has taken a liberal stance, not only favouring a referendum on Articles 2 and 3 but also urging a referendum on the much hotter issue of the constitutional prohibition of any legislation permitting divorce.

It is only a few years since Fine Gael was defeated in a referendum on this issue - by two thirds of those voting, in a low poll - so this is a bold initiative. It was undoubtedly stimulated by the results of the presidential campaign, in which Mrs Robinson's opponents made a pitch in the direction of the anti-divorce lobby, and came surprisingly unstuck.

The most important repercussions of the presidential campaign are being felt in the camp of the biggest loser: Fianna Fail. This week the standard of revolt against the leadership of Charles J. Haughey was raised by Brian Lenihan, Fianna Fail's presidential candidate, who was dismissed from the coalition government during the campaign by Mr Haughey (under pressure from his coalition partners the Progressive Democrats) after Mr Lenihan was caught out in what the public perceived as a lie.

This week Mr Lenihan's constitnency party, in Dublin West, called on Mr Haughey to reinstate Mr Lenihan in the government (in which he served as deputy premier). Mr Haughey is most un-likely to do this, for it would mean

the downfall of his government. Dublin West says that if Mr Lenihan is not reinstated it will nominate him for the presidency of the Fianna Fail party, a post

now held by Mr Haughey. What Dublin West decides might not matter much if Mr Lenihan had personally distanced himself from its proceedings, but he has not. On the contrary, a spokesman for him has said: "Mr Lenihan will not rule out the possibility that he might allow his name to go forward." This, as Mr Haughey must clearly see, is Lenihan-speak for: "I'm running, and that man had better

even years ago, when a majority in Fianna Fail wanted to get rid of Mr Haughey, they were de-terred by pressure from the party's grassroots. This time, the revolt against Mr Hanghey is beginning at the graseroots. If Mr Lenihan's support, which is precarious, holds up, Mr Haughey cannot survive politically into the spring.

Mr Lenihan is hugely popular, and Mr Haughey lost caste, in terms of Fianna Fail tribal values. by dismissing him at the behest of coalition partners, renegades from Fianna Fail. The party conference is scheduled for spring. If Mr Lenihan is still in good health, he should defeat Mr Haughey for the presidency of Fianna Fail. Rather than face such a catastrophic conference, the parliamentary party may pre-empt the dreadful day by providing itself with a new party leader.

Nothing can now save Mr Hanghey politically, provided Mr Lenihan's health holds into the spring. And even if the immediate threat from Mr Lenihan can somehow be staved off, Mr Haughey's departure cannot be long delayed. He is now a burden to Fianna Fail, as well as to the rest of the country. Mary Robinson's victory has been, for him, the beginning of the end. And events next door have not helped him. The fall of Mrs Thatcher, who came to power in the same year as Mr Haughey, has set some important Fianna Fail people thinking about matters previously

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#### After the fall...

an Grist, the MP sacked earlier this week from his job as a Welsh minister, is about to wreak an obscure revenge on the Tory party. He is suing for compensation - not for loss of earnings or unfair dismissal, but for the pain he has suffered since tumbling down some steps at the Conservative club in his Cardiff

constituency. Grist, who supported Michael Heseltine during the Tory leader-ship contest and appears to have paid the price, has been limping around the Commons since July with a walking stick. He broke his

i should have been nicer to them on the way up

leg, lacerated his arm aged some ribs in the fall which happened during a lull in his constituency surgery. "I decided to go and have a look in the cellar," he says. "The next thing I knew I had gone headlong down

Freed from the constraints of office and still nursing a sore leg, Grist feels he deserves financial

tion would be appropriate," he says. "The club secretary has said that he would expect some compensation if he were the one who had fallen."

If the matter goes all the way to the courts, local party officials would almost certainly become involved, which could lead to some interesting confrontations in court, for the constituency party secretary is Grist's wife, Wendy. This could give new meaning to the often expressed desire of departing ministers to spend more time with their families.

#### Gulf rumbles

book by the former press secretary to President Kennedy is about to add to President Bush's troubles over the Guif by claiming that the confrontation could have been avoided had it not been for Washington's bungling.
In La Guerre du Golfe: Le

Dossier Secret, the first serious book on the invasion of Kuwait, Pierre Salinger and French author Eric Laurent outline how Washington initially misread what was happening in Iraq. Salinger, now the London-based chief foreign correspondent of ABC News, says: 'I have no doubt that when they have read our evidence, people will conclude that the crisis could have been avoided.

The book, to be published in Paris on Monday, will also embar-rass officials in Britain, where as yet there are no plans for publica-tion. With Alan Clark, who is now a defence minister, still under the shadow of accusations that he helped British firms to undermine the arms embargo on Iraq, Sal-inser's book lists 207 commanies

he says have assisted Iraq's mili-

tary build-up.

"These companies helped sup-ply chemical warfare weapons and equipment for the development of a nuclear capability," he says. The Germans head the list, followed by the French and Americans. But there are about ten British companies as well." Salinger declines to name them before publication, but he predicts a heated international debate.

#### Rushdie bonus

alman Rushdie's brief breaking of cover to sign books at Waterstone's in Hampstead on Wednesday has provided the lucky purchasers with a bonus far in excess even of that available to investors in electricity shares. About 100 people queued to pay £12.99 for signed copies of Haroun and the Sea of Stories. According to Roy Davids, head of Sotheby's book department, Rushdie's signature immediately resulted in a 1,000 per cent markup in the value of the books. Those who asked Rushdie to date the book will enjoy an additional

"A gioned and dated copy could

fetch £150," says Davids, "Rushdie's plight is unique and that is reflected in the price of signed copies." Signed copies of The Satanic Verses change hands for up to £300, says Davids. "The longer he is in hiding the more valuable his work becomes."

 The military-industrial complex that President Eisenhower complained about 30 years ago is alive and well and meeting in Palm. Springs, California, next week, A three-day conference, addressed by generals, economists and captains generals, economists and captains of industry, will examine "new opportunities" for companies facing slow business because of the end of the cold war. The billing shows prescience. "Desert warfare", it reads "... can you afford

#### to miss it? Ecu maniacal

A mail order company this week became the first British firm to offer its customers the option of paying in ecus. National Westminster already allows customers to open bank accounts in ccus. Advocates are busy outlining plans for an interchangeable sterling/ecu coinage, as, for instance, Sir Leon Brittan did on this page last Thursday. The ecu thus seems a coin whose time has come. But has anyone really thought through the difficulties?

At current exchange rates, coin experts point out, a £5 note would be fixed at, say, 7 ecus. If someone then spends £2.95, they expect in change £2.05 — or 2.87 ecus. This would mean that ecu coins would need to divide down to at least one hundredths, with the 0.01 ecu coin having the memorable figure of 0.714 pence stamped on its reverse. The 20p coin would be worth 0.28 ecus and the 5p coin 0.07 ecus.

Fortunately the Royal Mint at resent has no intention of having any truck with such a farce. "The French, Belgians and Irish already have a commemorative ecu, but the British are lagging behind on this one. There are no plans whatsoever," it says,

#### Hommes terribles

fter extensive deliberation. A France's first Grand Prix de la Misogynie has been awarded to the sports magazine l'Equipe for persistently ignoring and downgrading the sporting achievements of women. The award commemorates the late (and much married) prince of misogyny, the actor Sacha Guitry, whose favourite saying was: "If women were good, God would have been one."

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Among the runners-up for the award was the French minister of the interior, Pierre Joxe, honoured for his instruction that France's policewomen should wear high heels while on duty. Co-incidentally, France has just honoured a female guardian of the law, Martine Monteil, head of the Paris vice-squad, as its woman of the year. Whether she teeters on stilettos is not recorded.

Britain, alas, has no misogyny award, although if one existed, Peter Sissons's remarks about women on television and John Major's exclusion of women from his cabinet might make them strong runners. The Diary accordingly offers a prize for the best nomination for British Misogy-

nist of 1990.

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# NO THANKS TO SADDAM

Neither the western hostages in Iraq nor their relieved families owe President Saddam Hussein any gratitude for deciding to release more than 2,700 of his "guests". He should never have held them in the first place. A few have died in captivity, many have been physically maltreated, all have suffered psychological anguish, shared by their families and friends. The price originally set on their heads was, quite simply, the world's acquiescence in Iraq's seizure of Kuwait.

For 111 days, Saddam has illegally ignored a binding UN resolution, 663, which ordered their immediate release. Saddam's offer of "apologies for harm and forgiveness from God Almighty" is no compensation. If he now yields them up, that is a tribute to the firmness of most governments in the face of a return to medieval standards of international relations.

Saddam's promises are worth nothing. Even this good news should be treated with circumspection until the last hostage has left Iraq. If they all go free, Saddam will have made his first retreat since August 2. But he has still given no indication that he is prepared to bow to the rest of the United Nations' demands, and withdraw totally and unconditionally from Kuwait. Yesterday's volte-face may be based on the cynical calculation that the hostages' detention has inspired such universal disgust that their release is now more likely to soften Western opinion for a compromise which would allow him to keep all or part of Kuwait. His letter to Iraq's rubber-stamp national assembly says only that the hostages have served their purpose, buying Iraq time to complete its mobilisation.

This decision is not without risks for Baghdad. Western leaders have rightly insisted throughout that the existence of hostages could not be allowed to determine military decisions, but there is no doubting the weight their release will lift from commanders' shoulders. Saddam has surrendered a diplomatic and a military card. A man who has performed one U-turn can perform more. However slender the chance that he has begun to understand the certainty of military defeat, the right response must be, as President Bush said yesterday, to intensify the military and diplomatic pressure on him to throw in his hand in Kuwait.

There is no case for yet more visits to Baghdad. The trickle through Saddam's palace of out-of-work dignitaries has served only to

convince Iraq's dictator that he was not isolated from world opinion, and as such has increased the risk of war. The texts of the UN resolutions are clear and require no elaboration by emissaries. The voice which matters is now that of the American administration. Only President Bush and his secretary of state, James Baker, are capable of driving home to Saddam the imminence of the "sudden, massive strike" Mr Baker has said will be the alternative to peaceful surrender of Kuwait.

Democracies do not go easily to war. Since August 2 the Bush administration, with only occasional tremors, has kept a remarkably steady track, combining vast military mobilisation with sedulous cultivation of diplomatic support, culminating in last week's UN resolution authorising the use of force. A third of the world's nations have given financial or military support to the coalition ranged against Iraq. That coalition is now militarily credible. The strategy may be within sight of paying off. But Mr Bush has difficulties on the home front and hence the decision to hold direct talks with Iraq.

Those talks may not lead anywhere but to war. Their purpose is to reassure American and allied opinion that the US has done everything in its power to make sanctions effective and to convince Saddam of the intensity of the American commitment to its police action. This is diplomacy at its most desperate. At a moment such as this, others should abstain from touting so-called "compromise solutions". Mr Bush insists that "there are no secret deals, direct or indirect", Mr Baker that the only carrot in his briefcase is that "if he gets out he doesn't get the stick".

Even Iraq's unconditional withdrawal and the restoration of Kuwart's legal government would do no more than meet the UN's terms. It would leave the Middle East a dangerous place. Mr Bush's commitment, repeated yesterday, to restore peace and stability to the Gulf is part and parcel of action under Chapter VII of the UN Charter, under which all the security council's decisions have been taken. Once Kuwait is freed, peacefully or by force, that task will have to be addressed. Post-withdrawal diplomacy will be even more fraught than this month's endgame. But rolling back aggression is the priority, which the Americans, whose troops would take most casualties in a war, have earned the right to be trusted to pursue.

#### POLICING THE POLICE

The number of external investigations into alleged misdeeds by West Midlands police officers now far exceeds that in any other force. Some of those investigations are into past police conduct in cases of national interest, such as the Birmingham Six and the shooting

of Gail Kinchin. The Home Secretary, Kenneth Baker, has wide powers to order an investigation of the way the force is managed, including a public inquiry, and he should use them. Confidence in the second largest force in England and Wales will not return without some greater catharsis than that achieved by the disbanding of the serious crimes squad last year.

The spate of serious complaints against members of the West Midlands force suggests a standing condition of institutional malaise and a failure of good management, caused either by the personal inadequacy of senior officers or because structures of control are too cumbersome, or both. Those faults are not confined to this one force, nor are West Midlands policemen peculiarly incompetent. In a dif-ferent way similar questions of force efficiency - and of who, if anyone, is really in charge are raised by the damning inspectorate report on the Derbyshire constabulary.

The West Midlands case illustrates the need for a more general review of the way the British are policed. It is of the nature of the present individual investigations, in West Midlands as elsewhere, that they are unlikely to produce much more than the results presently visible a procession of suspensions and reinstatements, and a sequence of courtroom quarrels in individual criminal cases. This falls a long way short of giving the wider community the reassurance it is entitled to.

Accountability is at the root of good policing. It was in the interests of accountability that the last Royal Commission on the police, set up in 1960, came down narrowly against recommending a national force. In

some cases - a distinct county force like Kent. for instance, coterminous with the county council - the accountability argument of that commission still looks persuasive. But in the large conurbation forces - Greater Manchester, West Yorkshire, West Midlands itself - accountability is far more tenuous. Too many cities, towns and districts are covered by e ionce remote ironi esco oi ineiti. Midlands covers Birmingham, Coventry, Walsall, Dudiey, Sandwell and Wolverhampton.

At least the police in West Midlands, as part of a national force, would have been accountable to parliament as the London police are now. The 1964 Police Act, like the royal commission's recommendations, was anxious to protect the autonomy of chief constables which had been a feature of the older, more numerous and smaller borough and county forces. But it was a model of autonomy which presumed a chief constable's close relationship with one local community.

There is a growing list of issues concerning the policing of England and Wales, many of them as unresolved as when they formed the brief for the 1960 commission: the function of local police authorities, the accountability of chief constables, police-public relations including the handling of complaints, and the need to attract the right quality of recruit to the force.

The 1964 act was a good enough answer for its time, but society has since changed almost beyond recognition. It is unlikely that a Home Secretary who asks the right questions about the West Midlands or Derbyshire forces would find himself stopping short of addressing the fundamentals, or of preferring the solutions which seemed best 30 years ago. Royal commissions were out of fashion under Margaret Thatcher, but few issues lend themselves more aptly to such an expert and nonpartisan study than the nature and purpose of the police. The time for a new royal commission on the police is fast approaching.

### UNDER THE LASH

Tory backbenchers were so long chastised by Mrs Thatcher's scorpions that they appear immune to the gentler lash of Mr Major's Those banished spectres, division and defeat, seem to have returned to the corridors of Westminster. Are the whips now powerless

mood after an exciting month. But what happened on Wednesday night was not quite the reverse it at first appeared. The Labour party whips managed for once to organise their vote, and the party's PR machine enabled them to trumpet their success. The Tory rebellion, such as it was, comprised John Lee voting with Labour, a handful of abstentions, and a clutch of unwisely accepted dinner invitations and over-tempting foreign trips. The Tory whips were careless, but are not yet

Richard Ryder, the new chief whip, is seen impotent. by his colleagues as suspiciously young and nice for so Machiavellian a role. He and his team will be trying to reassert authority in the days ahead. They should not try too hard. Many of Mrs Thatcher's blunders can be traced

bidding. There was no backbench faith in the poll tax, nor in the abolition of the Greater London Council, nor in rate capping, nor in the refusal of dog registration. Every backbencher knew long before the prime minister that the football identity cards scheme would not work, but she made them vote for it repeatedly before abandoning it herself.

government must get its majority or make way for another that can. Mr Major is in no greater danger on this score than was his predecessor. But on the lesser issues, there is no need for a government to insist on putting its wisdom above that of its backbenchers, least of all when it must back up such discipline with the crude mechanisms of patronage and punishment that characterised Mrs Thatcher's whipping practices. For MPs to assert their independence from time to time is not anarchy but good,

pluralist government. Now that Mr Major has indicated that he is prepared to countenance substantial reform of House of Commons procedure, including its ridiculous and male-chauvinist working hours, a fresh wind is blowing through the Palace of Westminster. A few narrow squeaks for the whips, even an occasional defeat on a vote that is not a matter of confidence, would be a healthy tendency. On Wednesday night, Tory absentees struck a small blow for par-

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Was there a 1989 press conspiracy to 'get Thatcher'? Growing concern

However, it was hardly surpris-

ing that these articles appeared.

given that the journalists con-

cerned were reporting what Sir Geoffrey had said in his resigna-

tion statement to the House of

Sir Alan goes on to claim that in

any event he had invented the

Madrid conditions, in a memo-

randum sent to the prime minister

at least three days before the

meeting" (the Madrid European

Council was held on June 26 and

Without disclosing any secret memorandum, I might point out that I had already spelled out what

were to be the key elements of the

Madrid conditions in my (published) evidence to the Treasury

select committee on June 12, some

two weeks before the Madrid

summit (report, June 13, 1989).

Sir Alan's only contribution was

to add some further irrelevant

conditions which he well knew

were unlikely to be met for many

years, if ever, and which were

rightly disregarded when we did at

last join the ERM in October of

prime minister. Sir Alan speaks

more truly than he imagines when

he writes "perhaps the first step on

the slippery slope of Mrs Thatcher's decline was associated with

my return to Number Ten in May

1989" - a step I urged her, in vain,

not to take, warning her that it was

bound to cause the government trouble we could well do without.

Margaret Thatcher was a great

27 last year).

Commons on November 13.

unless she accepted them.

From Mr Nigel Lawson, MP for Blaby (Conservative)

Sir, I was slightly surprised to see the space given over in yesterday's Times to the extraordinary article by Sir Alan Walters ("Get Thatcher, and they did").

So far as I know, there was no conspiracy of any kind to get rid of Margaret Thatcher, nor does Sir Alan produce a shred of evidence to support this theory. His self-important assertion that "for the get-rid-of-Thatcher gang, I was a splendid intermediate target" is if anything the reverse of the case. It was the activities of Sir Alan Walters which, by damaging the government, damaged Margaret

These activities were well known on both sides of the Atlantic. To cite just one piece of evidence, Mr Peter Riddell, the highly-respected Washington correspondent of the Financial Times, reported on October 28, 1989, that Sir Alan Walters . . . has recently told US bankers and policy-makers that sterling needs to fall to avoid a severe recession in the UK . . . His comments concerned some of his American listeners, according to participants, who felt this year. that they contradicted the message from Mr Lawson about trying to secure a stable pound". (I have, incidentally, corroboration of this in a letter from an eminent British economist who happened to be

present). Sir Alan sees evidence of a conspiracy in the fact that At the height of the leadership crisis, the Financial Times, in articles by the political editor, Philip Stephens (November 14, 1990), and The Economist (November 24) told how on the evening of the Madrid conference in June 1989, after a tremendous row, Sir Geoffrey Howe and Nigel Lawson persuaded her [Mrs Thatcher] to accept the so-called Madrid conditions for enter-ing the exchange mit mechanism ing the exchange-rate mechanism. Mr-Stephens said both Mr Lawson

Poll tax changes

Sir, Recent comment in The

Times (leading articles, November

From Mr Philip Stephens Sir, I was intrigued by Sir Alan Walters's article on the events leading up to Mrs Thatcher's The case for a local property tax is recognised in virtually every other country in western Europe. No form of local taxation is ideal From the Secretary-General of the Royal Institution of Chartered

but there is generally a broad

correlation between the value of a

person's home and the level of his

And so, alas, it did.

NIGEL LAWSON,

House of Commons

Yours faithfully,

December 6.

or her income. Where this does 28, December 4; letters, December not apply, a graduated scale of rebates can introduce a greater 4) has focused on possible alternatives to the community charge. degree of fairness, as can other adjustments to the rating system In our responses over the last decade to the government's printhat we have suggested. cipal green papers on alternatives We have recently carried out a further review of what might best to the rating system, the Institution has repeatedly tested all form the "domestic" element of reasonable options available local authorities' revenue. Once against five key criteria: pre-dictability of yield and buoyancy of income; ease and cheapness of again, we have been led inescapably towards the conclusion that a property tax based on capital collection and preventing avoidvalues is the only practicable way ance of payment; the capacity to provide local identity and acc-

Yours faithfully, ountability; equitableness; and ease of understanding by those who have to pay.
In every case our conclusion has Secretary-General. The Royal Institution of been that a domestic rating system Chartered Surveyors, 12 Great George Street based on capital values would be the least unsatisfactory solution Partiament Square, SW1. December 4.

#### Film awards **Notwithstanding** From Mr Richard Price

Sir, In your detailed report (December 3) of the European Film Awards from Glasgow your correspondent referred to several organisations including Bafta which had belped bring this year's competition to Scotland.

judged against these criteria.

There was one omission: Shell, who provided a hefty financial contribution. This was on top of their annual donation of £1 miltion which they have given to Bafta over the past three years. We have, as a result, been able to help many British and European educational and similar projects It is a highly enlightened and successful relationship.

RICHARD PRICE (Honorary Treasurer) British Academy of Film and Television Arts, 195 Piccadilly, W1.

#### Unkind cut

From Mr Robert Byard-Smith Sír, Robert Cummings (obituary, December 5) did not amputate Ronald Reagan's legs in King's Row. Others may have tried, but Charles Coburn did it in the film. Yours faithfully. ROBERT BYARD SMITH

The Croft, Gomshall, Surrey.

#### Good for Ireland

From Mr Edward McWilliam, RA Sir, May I, as an expatriate, be permitted to salute the swearing in (report, December 4) of Mary Robinson as president of Ireland by stating that this is the best thing to happen in Ireland since the invention of Guinness.

Yours faithfully. F. E. McWILLIAM. 8a Holland Villas Road, W14.

#### Chile forest threat From Sir Peter Hutchison

Sir, In Chile recently, I was alarmed to learn that discussions are taking place between that country and Japan about further Japanese "investment" in the forestry sector in Chile, including possible acquisition of land. This follows an earlier contract which the previous government signed to provide woodchips for the Japanese paper industry for a duration of 30 years.

Evidence of that earlier contract was plain to see: large areas of native forest that had recently been cut and Japanese ships in Puerto Montt loading up to 40,000 tons of chips at a time from piles on the quayside.

Holy Trinity Brompton, Brompton Road, SW7. The style of the operation makes matters worse, involving clear-felling the indigenous forest and blanket replanting with nonnative trees such as pines and the ubiquitous eucalypts. Ten per cent of the land is supposed to be replanted with native species, but

this rarely seems to happen and

the result is not just the loss of

native trees but radical alteration

of the whole community of plant

and animal life. The Chilean government is commendably conscious of its natural heritage and to its credit

has designated large areas as Letters to the editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number —

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strates admirably the absurdity of the notion of a journalistic conspiracy to misrepresent the debate within her government about sterling's membership of the exchange-rate mechanism. For the record, I would like to correct a factual error in his account.

Sir Alan quotes my article of November 14, 1990 on the circumstances surrounding Mrs Thatcher's acceptance of the socalled Madrid conditions for ERM entry. He attempts to cast doubt on my chronology by stating that he had drafted the memorandum setting out these conditions three days before the meeting on June

I have no reason to question Sir Alan's role in the drafting. But had he read five paragraphs further in the article he quotes he would have seen the following:

On that fateful Sunday morning the On that fateful Sunday morning the two ministers were prepared to compromise. Their first demand had been that Mrs Thatcher agree that sterling should be in the ERM by the end of the year. Now they would accept a formula linking the date of membership to Britain's relative inflation rate and the completion of the single market.

In other words, I stated clearly in the article that the Madrid conditions were a compromise which followed Mrs Thatcher's rejection of their first demand. My report was entirely consistent with Sir Alan's role in drafting the conditions.

If Sir Alan cares to check the official Whitehall records - I assume he still has access to the relevant papers - he will find that my account of the June 25 meeting is correct.

Yours faithfully PHILIP STEPHENS (Political editor, Financial Times), House of Commons. December 6.

#### From the Secretary of the Association of Metropolitan

Sir, In your leader you commend the proposal in a letter by Raif Dahrendorf (both December 4) to allow local authorities the free-. dom to determine a mix of community charges, property taxes and other sources. If such freedom is desirable in the field of local taxation, how much more so that local authorities should have the freedom to determine the most effective internal structure for the administration of their different

The imposition of the elected mayor in every council in the country would be an artificial constraint. If local authorities are to continue to be responsible organs then they must have more-

Yours faithfully. RODNEY BROOKE, Secretary, Association of Metropolitan Authorities, 35 Great Smith Street, SW1.

defend, for both lawyer and lay

client, than plain language, if the

What is required to stimulate

plain language is a commercial climate in which the potential

rewards of success are judged to be greater than the risks involved if

the deal goes wrong. That climate might well be called "Thatcherism".

Yours faithfully, MICHAEL ASHENDEN,

Consumer credit

will make the reason clear.

Sir, Economists need not be

perplexed by the October increase

in consumer credit (report, December 4): a glance in the

window of any high street retailer

The cause is not inflationary

demand pressure - far from it -but a dramatic increase in the

number of shops offering interest-

free credit in an effort to boost

flagging sales. This has led to a shift from cash to credit purchases

by customers who are not nor-

Expect more of the same in the

run-up to Christmas, and an end

to it in January when the sales

Director and General Manager,

Church Road, Hayes, Middlesex.

Hitachi Credit (UK) plc.

mally users of credit.

Yours faithfully.

Hitachi House,

Stables Courtyard,

D. G. ANTHONY.

From Mr D. G. Anthony

25 Metrose Road,

December 2.

Merton Park, SW19.

commercial deal goes wrong.

December 4.

#### than lawyers have. Incomprehen-

sible jargon is more comforting than plain language, which na-From Mr Michael Ashenden kedly exposes the client's true commercial position. Of course, hallowed precedent is far easier to Sir, The suggestion in your leading

article on "gobbledegook" (Nov-ember 30), that lawyers draft it to provide work for other lawyers, implies a mutual esteem among lawyers which is near the opposite of the truth. There are some technical words

which are a form of shorthand. The word "lien" is one; it does not seem to me very difficult for a literate person to understand, and would need a lot of other words to replace it. A working lifetime as a lawyer

in commerce taught me, however, that generally lay clients have a greater liking for gobbledegook

#### Wanted: organists

From the Vicar of Brompton Sir, Mr Peter Jones's sad letter (November 30) raises a very real issue, but he is firing in the wrong direction. Clergy and organists have to face together the reality that, whilst the Gospel itself does not change, each generation has always sought contemporary ways of expressing its love for God. Cranmer and the Wesleys did it

in their times, and we must in ours. The formality of robed (and often professional) choirs in a parochial setting (inherited, incidentally, from the Victorians, not the Tudors) has very little appeal to the younger generation. I gratefully acknowledge that

some organists see this and, in their willingness to adapt, are able to give a musical lead in what God is undoubtedly doing today. They are welcome in any church. Yours faithfully,

ALEXANDER MILLAR.

December 5. national parks. It will probably realise that renewable use of indigenous forest is, in these days, an economic alternative.

Surely the wealthier countries which, like Britain, have largely destroyed their native woodlands have a responsibility to those who still have that precious asset. It would be regrettable if the Japanese, who have recently shown reluctance to destroy their own forests, were to transfer their resulting problems to other, less wealthy nations.

Yours faithfully, PETER HUTCHISON (Chairman of the Trustees), Royal Botanic Garden, Edinburgh 3. November 29.

#### and Sir Geoffrey threatened to resign resignation. I think he demonon car emissions From the Chairman of the Royal

Automobile Club Sir, The RAC recently commissioned a study of different vehicle emission levels in the UK carried out by Professor Donald Stedman of Denver University. The results, which will be published on Friday

December 7, are startling. The study reveals that over 50 per cent of vehicle pollution comes from just 17 per cent of vehicles. Indeed 1 per cent of vehicles causes as much pollution as does the best 40 per cent. Poor emission levels are not necessarily related to vehicle age or category. The key factor is maintenance.

Many newer vehicles (less than three years old) also have poor emission levels, so reliance on new MOT provisions will not solve the problem, although it will un-doubtedly belp. It is clear that a huge amount of progress, in environmental terms, could be achieved by better vehicle maintenance.

Growing concern about pollution caused by cars means that we all have a responsibility to try to minimise the damage. At the RAC we also consider we have a responsibility to ensure that environmental measures are targeted at the real causes of the problem, and that the personal mobility which we all value so highly is not unnecessarily con-

The urgent need, now, is to find ways of ensuring that the minority of vehicles which are the main polluters are properly maintained and tuned. Indications are that if all vehicles were regularly main-tained, harmful vehicle emissions would be halved.

I have today called on the new secretary of state for transport to initiate work, jointly with the motor industry and motoring organisations, to find ways of tackling the problem in the light of these important new findings. Yours faithfully, JEFFREY ROSE, Chairman,

The Royal Automobile Club. Pali Mali, SWI. December 6.

#### Standard transport From Mrs Alex Scott

Sir, I trust that the European Commission will now ensure that either Venice abolishes gondolas, or else Amsterdam abandons its barge-shaped launches, in the interests of standardising waterborne urban transport (Mr Dauris, December 3). It is after all important that EC boat-builders compete on a level playing field. Yours faithfully, ALEX SCOTT,

Mait Cottage, Lamb Corner, Dedham, Colchester, Essex. December 4.

#### Old farm buildings From Admiral Sir Nigel

Sir, You report (November 30) that the Prince of Wales deplored the destruction of farm buildings and features of the rural land. scape, because they are deemed no longer to have economic purpose. No one can seriously disagree.

However in this area and certainly in many other areas there; are a large number of old farm buildings, many of them "listed" serving no economic purpose with modern farming methods. Proprietors are not allowed to

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knock them down and no authority is prepared to pay to keep them up. In most cases they are not suitable for conversion to dwellings. Is one meant just to let them gently collapse, or is there an : alternative? Yours faithfully NIGEL HENDERSON.

Hensol, Mossdale Castle Douglas, Dumfries and Galloway.

#### Sent to try us From Mr M. A. Girling

Sir, Nothing can possibly be more frustrating than trying to untangle three flies twisted inextricably round a very thin piece of nylon whilst standing waist-deep in a .
river at midnight and holding a torch in one's mouth. Yours faithfully, M. A. GIRLING,

Oakthorpe, Charlton Drive, Charlton Kings, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.

From Miss Mary Brown Sir, In the midst of cold, frozen December days, looking at my Australian calendar depicting, for the same month, hot, golden

sands, turquoise-coloured sea and

people in swim suits. Yours. MARY BROWN, Mill House, Taynuilt, Argyll.

From Mrs Bridget Maxwell Sir, Trying to get a pill down a

I remain, Sir, at my wits' end. BRIDGET MAXWELL, Brook Lodge, Hambledon, Hampshire.

From Mr H. P. Mowatt Sir, I live in the country, where I have one neighbour only who lives

nearly opposite across the road. Some bonehead drew the electoral boundary line between our two houses so that to reach our designated polling stations I have to travel 20 miles there and back and he 12 miles in the opposite

Yours faithfully, H. P. MOWATT, Ty Llosg, Rosebush, Clynderwen, Dyfed.

THE RESERVE TO SERVE A

whip. The Tories yesterday conducted a postmortem on Wednesday's collapsed vote on the تعاش poll tax, when its majority fell to 57. They may have feared, with Hobbes, that when "men live without a common power to keep them in awe, they are in that condition which is called war."

> without Mrs Thatcher's sting? The Conservative party is still in febrile

> to her often arrogant assumption that her

whips could always get parliament to do her

On the great issues of the day, the

liamentary democracy.

BUCKINGRAM PALACE

took leave upon His Excell

The Honourable Ronald

morning from Oman. Mr Brian McGrath was in

tendance.
The Queen was represented

Russell Wood (formerly Deputy

Treasurer to Her Majesty) at the funeral of Commander Sir Philip Row (formerly Deputy Treasurer to The Queen) which was held at Easthampstead Park

Crematorium on the afternoon of Wednesday, 5th December.

December 6: The Honourable Ronald Reagan and Mrs Reagan today visited Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother. Queen Elizabeth The Queen

Mother, a Master of the Middle Temple, was pleased to dine with her fellow Benchers at the Middle Temple this evening.

The Lady Grimthorpe and Sir Martin Gilliat were in

December 6: The Prince of Wales, Duke of Cornwall, presided at a meeting of The Prince's Council at 10

ckingham Gate, London

Mr David Landale was in

Subsequently, The Prince and Princess of Wales entertained

members of the Council and Duchy Land Stewards to lunch at Kensington Palace.

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DEATHS: Cicero, executed, Formia, Italy, 43 BC; Sir Peter Graves, poet and novelist, Lely, portrait painter, Amsterdam, 1709; William Bigh, admiral, captain of HMS Japanese aucraft; the following Bounty, London, 1817; John deviation, Australia and the Flarman, sculptor, London USA declared war on Japan, 1941. Flaxman, sculptor, London USA 1826; Edward Irving, founder of 1941.



#### COURT CIRCULAR

The Prince of Wales received December 6: Miss Margaret Rothwell was received in audience by The Queen and kissed hands upon ber appointment as Her Majesty's the Lord Young of Graffham and Mr Lodwrick Cook at ensington Palace. His Royal Highness, resident, Business in the President, Business in the Community, gave a dinner for Businessmen to discuss investment in integrated urban Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary at Abidjan.
His Excellency General
Idriss Fall and Medame Fall
were received in farewell communities.

The Princess of Wales,
President, Wales Craft Council. audience by The Queen and relinquishing his appointment as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from the Republic of Senegal to the Court

received members of the Council and viewed samples of crafts at Kensington Palace. RENSINGTON PALACE December 6: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon was present this evening at the Crime Writers' Association's

The Honourable Ronaid Reagan and Mrs Reagan had the honour of being invited to luncteon with The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh.

The Duke of Edinburgh arrived at Luton Airport this Gaia Dinner at The Law Society, Chancery Lane, and presented the Awards. The Lady Juliet Townsend KENSINGTON PALACE December 6: The Duke of Gloucester this afternoon visited Cambridgeshire and was

received by Mr James Crowden (Vice-Lord Lieutenant of Cambridgestrice).

His Royal Highness opened
Peterborough Cenural Library
and later opened the storage,
grading and packing facilities at
Morton, Beeson and Mancheu
Produce Ltd, Glenthorne Farm,

Major Nicholas Barne was in The Duchess of Gloucest this morning opened the new Winnicott Baby Unit at St Mary's Hospital, Praed Street, London, W2. Mrs Howard Page was in

YORK HOUSE ST JAMES'S PALACE December 6: The Duke of Kent this morning presented the Civilian Ministry of Defence Apprentice Awards in the Con-course Hall, Main Building, Whitehall, London SWI. Captain the Hon Christophe Knollys was in attendance.
The Duke and Duchess of Kent this evening attended a Court Room Dinner at the Bank of England, Threadnes Street, London EC2.

Mrs Alan Henderson and Commander Roger Walker, RN

and Miss H.M. Adam

Mr M.H. Vaux

Della Terre

The engagement is announ

between Antony, eldest son of the late Mr R.P.N. Shertock and of Mrs Allan Macpherson-Fletcher, of Balavil, Kingussie,

and Helen, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Andrew Adam, of

and Signorina R. Minarelli

The engagement is announced between Michael, younger son of Mr and Mrs J.G. Vaux, of London, W12, and Raffaells,

younger daughter of Dottore and Signora G. Minarelli Della

Torre, of Bologna, Italy.

Marriages

Wadhurst, Sussex.

and Miss S.J. Edwards

Viscount Raynham

The marriage took place in London on December 6,

between Viscount Raynham elder son of the Marquess

Townshead, of Raynham Hall, Norfolk, and Mrs Alison

Marshall, younger daughter of Sir Willis and Lady Combs, of

The marriage took place on Saturday, December 1, 1990, at

St Andrew's Church, Castle Combe, of Mr Robert Anthony

Nigel Gibbons, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Robert Gibbons, of

London, SWI, and Miss Serah

Jane Edwards, elder daughter of

Mr and Mrs Stephen Edwards

of Stoke Bishop, Bristol. The Rev Leonard Lack and

Dom Ambrose Lambert, OSB, officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Miss Julie Edwards, sister of the bride, and Miss Andrews Chicago and Miss And

Amelia Gibbons, sister of the groom, and by Alison and Michael Walker and Julia Melville. Mr Charles Gibbons

A reception was held at the Manor House, Castle Combe.

n Andrew, only son of Ma

Mr A.S. Whitehouse and Miss A.L. Shambao

was best man.

Newbouse of Olamis, Angus.

### Forthcoming marriages

Mr L. Rolton and Min J.D. McArther

The engagement is announ between Lyndon, elder son of Mr and Mrs Lyndon Bolton, of Arrats Mill, Brechin, and Janice Duncan, younger daughter, of Mr and Mrs Lachlan McArthur, of Bothwell, Glasgow.

Dr E.J.S. Chim and Dr K.E. Breedley The engagement is announced between Roger, son of Mr and Mrs S.R. Chinn, of Great

Bookham, Surrey, and Karen, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs and Miss C.S. By

Mr H.J.A. Wilson The engagement is announced between Justin, son of Mr and and Miss B. Parke The engagement is announced between Hamish John Adams. younger son of Mr and Mrs Rob Wilson, of Winchcombe, Cheltenham, and Becky, Gloucestershire, and Catherine youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs F.S. Bowen, of Chorleywood, Hertfordshire. younger daughter of Mrs Kath Parker, of Bath.

Mr P.J. Hayes and Miss H.S. Seen Mr D.J. Wright The engagement is announced between Donald, son of Dr and Mrs James Wright, Jordanhill, Glasgow, and Hillary, daughter of Mr and Mrs Harry Thomson,

The engagement is announced between Peter, son of the late Mr and Mrs John Hayes, of Bolton, Lancashire, and Hilary, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Clifford Sears, of Bath, Avon. Mr N.K.A. Jones and Miss T.H.A. Precter

The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Mr and Mrs Keith Jones, of Cobham, Surrey, and Tania, daughter of the late Mr Nicky Procter and of Mrs Maureen Procter, of Hemingford Road,

Mr B.R. Lee and Miss P.A. Arden The engagement is announced Wadhurst, Sussex. between Stephen, elder son of Mr II.A.N. Gibbons Mr and Mrs A. Lee, of Ashton-in-Makerfield, Lancashire, and Penelope, youngest daughter of the late Surgeon Captain L.D. Arden and of Mrs Ann Arden, of

and Senhorita E.F. Ferraz The engagement is announced

between James Frederick Justin, only son of Mr and Mrs John London, of Sevenoaks, Kent, and Elizeia Fernandez, youngest daughter of Senhor and Senhora Odilio Ferraz, of Rio de Janeiro,

Mr J.P.M. Norbary and Miss A.F. Nicolle The engagement is announced between Jonathan, son of the late Dr K.E.A. Norbury, and of Mrs Jennifer Norbury, of Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne, and Fiona, daughter of Mr and Mrs Bobby Nicolle, of tershire.

The marriage took place on Saturday, November 24, at St George's, Hanover Square, W1. and Miss C.L. Grant The engagement is announced between Hugo, younger son of the late Mr Anthony Russell, and of Mrs Anthony Russell, of Shere. Surrey, and Caroline, and Mrs Boowe Jans, of Eton, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Berkshire. The Rev W.M. Donald Grant, of Molino de la Atkini officiated. The boneymoon is being spent in Barbados.

sculptor, Naples, 1598; Allan Cunningham, writer, Keir, Dumfriesshire, 1784; Stuart Davis, painter, Philadelphia, 1894.

seps, promoter of the Suez Canal, Chenaies, Belgium, 1894; Kirsten Flagstad, soprano, Oslo, 1962; Thornton Wilder, novelist and dramatist, New Haven, Connecticut, 1975; Robert Graves, poet and novelist, Deya, Majorca, 1985.

the "Holy Catholic Apostolic

#### **OBITUARIES**

### TUNKU ABDUL RAHMAN

Tunku Abdul Rahman Putra, CH, the funki Abdal Radman Fall, Ci., in first prime minister of Malaya and subsequently of Malaysia, died yesterday, aged 87. He was born at Alor Star on February 8, 1903.

THE part Tunku Abdul Rahman Putra played in the discussions leading to Malayan independence, in ensuring a smooth transition of power and in steering the country safety through the first 13 years of indepen-dence from 1957 to 1970, will be a lasting memorial to his political skill. Finally he returned to the political arena while in his eighties when he felt the independence he had fought for was threatening to go off the rails. He had a tremendous capacity for getting the best out of people and for gaining the co-operation, under his leader-ship, of people of different views and races. This was a necessary skill in a multiracial country like Malaysia.

Tunku Abdul Rahman Putra al-Hai was the 20th child, and seventh son, of Sultan Abdul Halim Shah, the 24th Sultan of Kedah, His mother, his father's sixth wife, was the daughter of a Shan chieftain from Thailand. He was educated at the Sultan Abdul Hamid College at Alor Star and at the Penang Free School. He then came to England in 1919 and gained his BA at St Catharine's College, Cambridge. He stayed on to read for the bar and during this time played a major part in creating the Malay Society of Great Britain. On his return to Malaya in 1931 he held a number of civil service appointments in Kedah that continued through the Japanese occupation. Immediately after the war he came back to London to resume his legal studies and was called to the bar in 1949 when he was 46.

He resigned from the Malayan legal service, to which he was attached on his return from London, in 1951 when the United Malays National Organisation elected him to be its president in succession to Dato (later Sir) Onn bin Jaffar. One had walked out of Umno when he failed, twice, to make it multiracial. The Tunku equally saw the dangers of developing racial rivalries in the political field. His approach differed from Onn's in that he left Umno undisturbed as a Malay party, but formed an alliance with the Malayan Chinese Association. This partnership was joined in 1955 by the Malayan Indian Congress and, at the first federal elections in July that year, the alliance won 51 of the 52 seats for elected members. The partnership later expanded to include the political parties in Borneo - was to hold throughout the years he was prime minister

The Tunku became chief minister and immediately initiated discussions aimed at independence. But first he wanted to assure himself that there could not be an acceptable settlement with the Malayan Communist party. A meeting with Chin Peng, the terrorists leader, at Baling, near the Thai frontier, convinced him of that. From then on he threw the whole weight of the alliance behind the effort in January 1956 at a conference in London, it was agreed that August 31. 1957, should be the provisional date for independence, a date that was

The first years of independence went smoothly. By 1960 the Tunku was able to declare the emergency officially at an end. The terrorists could no longer claim that their first aim was to liberate Malaya from the imperial power. The Tunku looked around for friends in south east Asia and a loose association was formed with Indonesia and the Philippines, but that turned out to be ineffectual. Seeking other means of strengthening his position, the Tunku reached the

Today's royal

engagements

Stroud, at 4,30.

Torpoint at 10.00.

ceremony at 4.05.

The Prince of Wales will open

the Cotswold Care Project day hospice at Longfield, Burleigh,

The Princess of Wales, as Patron

of Turning Point, will attend the charity's annual meeting at Merchant Taylors' Hall, 10.45.

The Princess Royal, as Chief Commandant of the WRNS, will visit HMS Raleigh at

Princess Margaret, as President of the Royal Ballet, will attend the opening of the new theatre studio at the Royal Ballet School, White Lodge,

The Duke of Kent, Chancellor of Surrey University, will

preside at an honorary degree

The Duchess of Kent will attend

7.55 in aid of the Radcliffe

Professor T. Anderson, former professor of public health, 86; Sir Fred Atkinson, civil servant,

71; Viscount Boyd of Merton, 51; Mr Donald Crichton-Miller,

former beadmaster. Fettes Coll

former headmaster, Fertes College and Stowe School, 84; Judge Lord Elystan-Morgan, 58; Mr David Evans, trades unionist, 55; Professor Sir Abraham Goldberg, physician, 67; Sir Bryan Hopkin, civil servant, 76; Mr Victor Kiam, international president, Remungion, 64; the Countess of Limerick, chairman, British Red Cross Society.

man, British Red Cross Society, 55; Major-General R.E. Lloyd, 84; the Rev R.C. Trounson, former principal, 5t Chad's College, Durham, 64; Mr Eli Wallach, actor, 75; Miss Helen Walls overs einer, 63

The Lord Mayor, accompanied

by the Lady Mayoress, the Sheriffs and their ladies, presented the Binney Memorial Medal, awarded posthumously to Mr Donald Arthur Kell for

bravery in support of law and

order in the metropolis, to Mrs Kell at Goldsmiths' Hall

Watts, opera singer, 63.

Binney medal

Birthdays today

Christmas concert at the seldonian Theatre, Oxford, at

Richmond Park, at noon.



conclusion that an independent Singapore which might turn communist would constitute an unaccentable threat on his very doorsten. He recognised that the Malays in Umno would not accept any move to bring Singapore into Malaya, since that would mean the entry into the federation, and into the federal parliament, of a large number of Chinese, unless a counterbalance was

So he revived an earlier proposal for a federation including not only Singapore, but also the British colonies in Borneo, whose representatives would come largely from the indigenous people who were ethnically akin to the Malays. A joint British-Malayan commission reported in favour of the scheme in the middle of 1962. But by the end of the year President Sukarno opposed the proposal and, after an uneasy period of growing tension, he demanded a full referendum in the Borneo territories. A group appointed by the United Nations secretary general, and accompanied by Indonesian observers, found that a large majority of the peoples in Sarawak and British North Borneo (now Sabah) was in favour of Malaysia and the new federation came into being on September 16, 1963. The prestige of the Tunku probably never stood higher. There was sharp reaction in Indonesia, bowever. Relations with Malaysia were severed. Indonesia left the United Nations. Confrontation and guerrilla warfare in Borneo began building up and lasted for over three

Meanwhile friction had been growing inside the federation between Kuala Lumpur and Singapore, Singapore's prime minister, Lee Kuan Yew, having failed to persuade the Tunku that his People's Action Party should replace the Malaysian Chinese Association as the representative of the Chinese in the Alliance, joined hands with opposition political parties in Malaya, Sabah and Sarawak to form a united opposition front to the alliance. The Malays interpreted the move as aiming at the abolition of their special rights under the constitution. Mr Lee had pushed the Tunku and the Malaysians to the edge by producing, when his talks with Malay-

Memorial

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Director of the Rupert Crew

Literary Agency, gave an address. Among those present

A memorial service for Professor James Wreford

Watson was held yesterday at the Church of Greyfriars, Edinburgh. The Rev Dr Robert Anderson, Chaptain of Edinburgh University, officiated.

Mr J. C. Bartholomew, President of the Royal Scottiek

dent of the Royal Scottish Geographical Society, read the lesson and Dr AJ. Crosbie and the Very Rev Professor T.F.

Memorial meeting

The High Commissioner for New Zealand arended a

meeting in memory of Dr Esmond de Beer held yesterday at the Warburg Institute. Professor Walter Elkan

Professor Walter Elkan resided and the other speakers

were Mrs H.O. Allen, Mr Nicho

las Barker (British Library and

British Museum), Professor Isla Campbell (Hakluyt Society), Mr A.T. Milne (Institute of Histori-cal Research, London Univer-

sity, and the Historical

Association), Professor J.B.
Trapp (Warburg Insunne and
Bruish Academy) and Mr David
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Sir Alan Mocatta

others present were:

A memorial service for Sir Alan Mocatta was held on Wednesday at the Spanish and

Portuguese Synagogue, Bevis Marks. Rabbi Dr Abraham Levy and the Rev H. Benarroch

officiated. Rabbi Levy and Lord

Roskill gave addresses. Among

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A service of thanksgiving for the life and work Miss Patience Strong was held yesterday at St

Bride's, Fleet Street. Canon

Mr Harold Stough and Mr
Trevor Hilder read the lessons.
Mrs Trevor Hilder read
Panence Strong's poem, "To
Connie", and Mr Paul Sidey.
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way he had expected, a draft document for the independence of Singapore. By the early summer of 1965 the Tunku realised that the situation, by now critical, could quickly lead to inter-racial rioting and worse. By July, when he was in London to attend the Commonwealth prime ministers' conference and for medical treatment, he decided that Singapore must leave the federation. He put that into effect in a hurriedly summoned meeting of parliament on August 9. The decision was taken remarkably calmly and there were no demonstrations in any

of the territories. Probably the most serious crisis the Tunku had had to face came in May 1969, immediately after a general election at which the alliance lost a number of seats although still retaining a majority in parliament. Feelings ran high in both the Malay and the non-Malay communities, mainly Chinese, despondency in one and exultation in the other, and clashes broke out. The situation got out of control, troops were called in and it was only after three days, during which at least 200 people were killed, much property was destroyed and many hundreds injured, that order was restored. The Tunku suspended parliamentary government and appointed a national operations council under the chairmanship of the deputy prime minister, Tun Abdul Razak. The one casualty of this was inter-racial barmony.

The Tunku remained in office until September 1970 when he handed over to Tun Razak and announced the resumption of parliamentary government in six months. But the handing over was not smooth. By then the two men, once close friends and political allies, differed politically and personally and they remained alienated until Tun Razak's death six years later. The Tunku went on to be secretary general of the Islamic Conference and in 1974 he became president of Perkim (Muslim Welfare Organisation) which he had helped to found in 1960.

But the peace he yearned for in his retirement was to evade him. He reacted badly to the slights, both real and imagined, that Tun Razak and his officers and, after 1981, Datuk Seri Mahathir Mohammed and his

Dinners

Company of Makers of Playing Cools Alderman Sir Christopher Collett, representing the Lord

Mayor and accompanied by

Lady Collett, the Sheriffs and their ladies, attended the installation dinner of the Company of Makers of Playing Cards held last night at the Mansion House. Mr J.G. Thorpe, Master,

presided. Sir Christopher, Mr P.M.C. Cregeen, Senior War-den, and Sir Edward du Cann,

Master of the Fruiterers' Com-

The Bishop of Durham officiated at the Parish Clerks'

Company annual service to

mark the Feast of St Nichola

held last night at St Michael's, Cornhill Mr J.H. Gaze, Master,

presided at a dinner held after-wards at Drapers' Hall Sir

Derek Pattinson and Judge Anwyl-Davies also spoke. Sir

George Blunden, Judge Verney, Recorder of London, and the

Master and Clerk of the Drap-

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officers, inflicted on him. A newspaper column he wrote so annoyed Tun Razak that serious thought was given at one stage to detaining him. That column was finally dropped, following pressure from Datuk Sen Mahathir's administration in 1987. As Datuk Seri Mahathir, whom he had once expelled from the party, consolidated his position, the courts declared Umno to be unlawful but Mahathir refused to use his powers to revive it and formed a new Umno instead. The Tunku, in his eighties and all but blind, joined those who wanted to bring the old Umno party back and his opposition became more strident and vocal. That was to continue to the end.

Tunku Abdul Rahman was a man of great personal charm. He was able quickly to win the regard and indeed the affection of those who were fortunate enough to know him. One of his cherished aims was that the country should be happy and at peace. He maintained his early interest in sport. He was for many years presi-

dent of the Malaysian Football Association and of the Asian Football Confederation, which he had helped found. He was an enthusiastic racegoer, with his horses winning many races including the Melbourne Cup. He became a keen golfer in his later years and excelled at cards. He did the pilgrimage to Mecca after he became prime minister. He

was very fond of Britain and believed firmly in the Commonwealth. In 1961 Tunku Abdul Rahman was instrumental in ensuring that at the Commonwealth heads of government meeting in London South Africa was not to be invited to rejoin the Commonwealth after it became a republic. He had made the move after he became fed up with the diplomatic manoeuvres involving Pandit Nehru, the Indian prime minister, and others looking for a diplomatic way out of the situation. The move was totally unexpected but it caught the mood of the conference. The Tunku maintained his hostility to the apartheid practices of the South African govern-

ment until the end. He greatly enjoyed his visits to London and was delighted when the freedom of the City was conferred on him. And it gave him great pleasure when he, a Cambridge man, was given an honorary degree at Oxford. He was showered with honours by many countries but the three that gave him the most pleasure were his appointment to the Kedah Order of Merit, limited to two living persons; the Darjah Utama Seri Mahkota Negara, the Malaysian order of which he was the first recipient who was not a ruler or head of state; and the Companion of Honour, from Britain. He was appointed a Companion of the Order of Australia in 1988.

Although not possessed of any great intellectual powers, the Tunku had prest political foresight and rec ognised - perhaps because only one of his parents was a Malay - the necessity of welding the immigrant races into a single Malaysian nation. During the years immediately after independence he was successful in winning over the allegiance of nearly all those, whatever their race, who had been his political opponents. In a newly independent country, this had the double advantage that it enlarged the resources of experienced manpower - slender enough in any case - which were available for important posts at home and abroad; and it gave the government the strength it needed to go forward with policies which might not always be popular.

He leaves a widow. Tun Sharifah Rodziah, a number of adopted children, together with a son and daughter by his first wife who died in 1935.

### **JOHN CHAPPLE**

THE TIMES ES

John Chapple, former chairman of the Longman Group died on December 4 aged 78. He was born on December 23,

JOHN Chapple became chair. man of Longman's in 1972 on the death of Mark Longman He was to remain in this post until his retirement in 1976. Although he spent 30 years in publishing, he started his career in botanical research at Oxford. During the war, when he was serving in the artillery, he met K. B. Potter, a director of Longman's Green, In 1947. at Potter's request, he joined Longman to understudy Charles Higham at the "overseas" desk. Oxford botany no longer failed to excite him. The move was a wise one and by 1957 he joined the board of Longman as overseas director.

John Chapple never proclaimed himself. He declined to take office in the Publishers' Association, mixed little with his colleagues in the trade, joined no London club. wrote no books and received no honours. Yet he was a powerful and driving force in educational books. He set the pattern for post-colonial publishing in Africa and Asia, launching subsidiaries in Hong Kong, Malaysia, Nigeria, Kenya and Zimbabwe. He expanded markets for British publishing, and especially for Longman, in the Middle East, Latin America and the Caribbean and pioneered the use of low cost printing centres in Hong Kong and elsewhere in the Far East, He set out to satisfy the textbook needs of British ectrooks abroad,

His ambition was directed essentially to the furtherance of the trade and of his company within it. As an : intuitive publisher with an entrepreneur's flair for identifying major projects, he was. committed to growth by internal development, to high quality books and the authors and publishers who made them, to wide international distribution and to close control of operating costs. Under his tutelage Longman enjoyed one its greatest periods of expansion and profitability.

John Chapple was pre-deceased by his wife, Hazel, a painter, and leaves three children.

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#### **HOWARD** HARTOG

Dilys Hartog writes:

**HOWARD Hartog's interest** in contemporary music (obituary, November 30) was ably supported by his wife, Margaret Kitchin, whom he married in 1951. She was herself a distinguished concert pianist and the dedicatee of several technically demanding works; Tippett was only one of the several composers who entrusted first performances to her. Her own career has been subordinated to giving constant and invaluable help to Howard and to the artists associated with his concert agency, Ingpen and Williams, who regard her with enormous

# buildings attacked

By Charles Knevitt, architecture correspondent

towns and cities, the director of the Civic Trust claimed yesterday.

"Far too many schemes are conceived purely in commercial terms, leading to over-development, dubious architecture and considerable stress on the surrounding physical and social environment," Mr Martin Bradshaw District national park. said when announcing the 1990 Civic Trust awards. A total of 22 awards, 102 commendations and 12 spe-tocratic patrons, Mr Bradshaw

ers' Company were among the Hong Kong Trude Deve Council Baroness Dunn, Chairman of the Hong Kong Trade Dev-elopment Council, was host at the annual dinner held last night at the Berkeley botel. Sir David Wilson, Governor of Hong

Luncheon

other guests.

Association of Milias The Rt Hon Dr David Ower MP, addressed members of the London and South East region of the Association of MBAs at a luncheon meeting at the Grocers' Hall, yesterday on "the New Europe". Mr P.B. de T. Rooke, regional chairman,

Kone, was among those presen

St Edmund's

School Hindhead The Governors have appointed the Rev Andrew Sangster from Eton College to be Headmaster of St Edmund's from September, 1991, in succession to Mr Tony Pull, who is retiring after

30 years at the school.

POLITICIANS, developers, Steetley special award for and the financial institutions, successfully integrating new are as guilty as some architects buildings on a former gravel for the mediocrity of new buildings and the erosion of

cial mentions were made, out of more than 1,000 entries encouraged to reverse their from the shire counties of England and Wales, the regions of Scotland, the Channel slands and Northern Ireland. The new headquarters for

RMC at Egham, Surrey, designed by Edward Cullinan Architects, received the top many new developments.

Distinguished Publication on Christopher Marlowe, amounting to £8,500, has been awarded jointly to Professor Lawrence Danson, of the University of Princeton, and Dr Richard Dutton, of the University of Lancaster, who will deliver a lecture at The King's School, Canterbury on Friday, March Canterbury, on Friday, March 21, 1991, at 7.30 pm, at which his share of the prize will be

scholarships have been swarded to Ottavia Moll, St George's School for Girls, Edinburgh, and Christopher Creissen, King's School and KSC.

Mediocrity of new

works in the Green Belt. Among the other winners were the restoration of two former collieries to create a 200-acre country park in the Darran Valley, Mid-Glamor-

gan; a new vocational college for visually handicapped students in Loughborough; and the circular David Mellor cutlery factory on the site of a former gasworks in the Peak

Developers are the modern equivalent of eighteeth and nineteenth century arissaid, and they should be view that good design is secondary to economic considerations.

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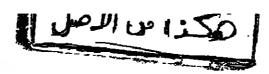
Appointments

Latest appointments include: Mr Michael McCrum, Master of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, to be Chairman of the new Cathedrals Fabric Commission for England. Sir John Johnson, former Permanent Representative to the United Nations environment programme, to be Chair-man of the Countryside Commission, from April 1. He succeeds Sir Derek Barber.

Rydal School

The Governors of Rydal School have appointed Mr Nigel Thorne to be headmaster from September, 1991 Mr Thome, aged 39 and married, is currently Deputy Head of

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BIRTHS

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Gaisen - On November 30th 1990, at St Mary's Hospital, Melton Mowbray. It Rosemary and Chris, a daughter, Anna Louise, a sister for Jennifer and Sophie GIF - On December Eth. at The Portland Hospital, to Giffe Evarro) and Nick town sons. James and Realamin.

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AYLGTT - On December 5th 1990, peacefully at home. Peter Crarted Advance based of Clair, deriting Pune of Caroline. Elizabeth and Thomas. Dearn's loved son of Violet and brother of Rob. Puneral Service at 5t Heart Church Lockington. Church, Lockington, on Monday Duceraber 10th 1990 at 2.30 gm, Plowers many be sent to Church if there is total at Westminster.

CAMBU - On December 2nd 1990, in hospital Brussels, Beigiam, after a long liness, Prancois, aged 32. The beloved son of Aldin Carsal and Take d'Ayata Vistra, grandson of Mrs Anthony Crossisy and Mrse. Louis Cansu, brother of Adrien. Nicolas and Soptie Camu. Nirs Nagelet Martest, Tencred and Bebestlan d'Ayata Mrs Napier Marten, Tencredi and Bebestian d'Ayala Valva. The funeral took place on December 5th at the Church of St. Jan. Asist. 55. Drève des Gendarmes, 1180 Erusseis, Belgium. 12A. Selwood Place. London 5w7. Thy faith have saved thee: go in peace.' Luke 8.60.

BURDAS-BEKKER On December 1st 1990, at home surrounded by his family aged 56 years, Aedrian Rubechi, of Armiston Estate. Corebridge, Middothian and South Africa. Cherished by Authes, Kirsty and Henrietta, his relatives and friends. Private tumeral mas aiready laken place. Details of Memorial Service to be announced later. Please no leiners or callers.

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MAYES - On December 5th 1990, Arthur Arternas, Optometrist, formerty of Croydon, latterty of Trumbridge Wells, Pumerat Service at Fairware Church, an Tuesday December 11th at 2.18 pm, followed by interment. Family flowers only or donations to The Iris Fund for the Prevention of Blindness, Yorke House, 199 Westminster Bridge Road, SE1, 7UT, All enquiries to Paul Bysouth Funeral Services, tel: Crowborough (0.952) 655000.

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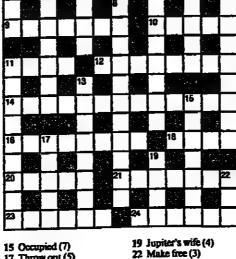
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Beloved of Izaak Walton and Charles Cotton, the Dove flows peacefully for nearly a mile at the foot of the two new properties which tower above the "silver river," opening up vistas of limestone buttresses, woodland slopes, and flowerbedecked pathways running beside the stream. Hurts Wood includes nearly 50 acres of varied woodlands, containing many rare forest trees, the home of the squirrel, and crowned on

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kingfisher, the dipper, the mallard, and several varieties of water fowl who each year visit "the world's divinest dale."

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An outstanding feature of the wood spinning jenny. is the tall shaft of limestone known as Ham Rock ("Nature's leaning tower of Pisa"), which leaps into the sky from the river bed. Thee geological features of Dovedale have been described by one writer: "The fact that Dovedale is a typical canyon in miniature with denudation of limestone and possessing so many fea-tures of educational and scientific value, being in fact a natural

ON THIS DAY 1933 text-book of geology, makes it of paramount importance that its preservation from any form of desecration should be secured for all

The Hall Dale (Greek Temple) property is divided from Hurts Wood by a very ancient mule track coming from Staffordshire into Derbyshir via Stanshope Hall, where Captain Jackson resided in the seventeenth century. It was he who first taught Charles Cotton the art of fly fishing. the famous angler being accustomed to use this bridle path on his frequent visits to Dovedale. Hall Dale is over 60 acres in extent,

and comprises the massive limestone outcrop known as the "Greek Temple," a succession of gigantic terraces scantily clothed with brushwood and covered with lichens and grass. The 'aiguille" - or needle type of limestone pinnacle, is well represented, and at the base of the cliff immediately opposite the "Doveholes" on the Derbyshire side of the Dove is to be noticed the peculiar shaped rock known as Shepherds Abbey, presenting the outline of an ecclesiastical building, while round a bend in the river, after passing an allotment of the new enciosure banked with yellow gorse, one arrives at the northrn end looking towards Mill Dale; where the precipitous "Ravens Tor" cliffs rise sheer from the bed of the glistening stream, hereabouts intersected by

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for its trout and grayling fishing. It is recorded that Rousseau, staying near Ashbourne at Wootton

Hall (a refugee from Europe), planted various uncommon tropical seeds in Dovedele, while Sir Humphrey Davy, Rogers the banker poet, Michael Drayton, and Dr Johnson in their writings immortalized the valley which has been described as "a shedow cast from Paradise." Other famous men and women have been enrapulated with the passing phases of this "Many coloured, many voiced vale, over whose pines and crags and caverns sail fast cloud shadows and sunbeams."

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the sky line by firs and pine trees. The wood is a sanctuary for the birds that nest in Dovedale, while by the side of the Dove are to be seen the

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# Brown rice with a serving of cant

Libby Purves examines with trepidation the propaganda which could turn her children

into teenage mutant hero vegetarians

n the Thirties, George Orwell said: "Every intelligent boy of 16 is a socialist." The prina healthy urge to change the world still holds good; except that today, every intelligent 16-year-old is an environmentalist.

The young greens are, naturally, bombarded with literature from pressure groups anxious to catch 'em young. Most eight-year-olds can now deliver a withering attack on their mother's furniture polish, and some turn out lights on the landing to save the Earth's re-sources. At this age, though, they find little difficulty in putting their own species first. Country children (or city farm-accustomed ones) would not want to see a pig suffer in an intensive crate, but find no difficulty in admiring a litter of piglets while contemplating toad-in-the-hole for tea.

As they grow older, things become more complicated. The trials of puberty bring on a fierce sentimentality and intense, desperately empathetic squeamishness. Animals are a useful focus for all kinds of emotions: a 14year-old may weep for hours over a fox cub but be unwilling to take any interest in the fate of poorer humans, let alone to divert any of her own money away from Ma-donna records. Such teenagers are a useful source of infantry on local demonstrations against hunts, circuses and battery farms: demos provide a handy peg for rebellion. And this is the point when anxious mothers stand aghast as their children make the ominous announcement: "I'm a vege-

Why ominous? Vegetarianism is a perfectly reasonable adult choice. The trouble is that nutritionally it holds so many perils for growing children that om-nivore mothers despair. To be a well-nourished vegetarian re-quires nutritional knowledge, self-discipline, and regularity of habits. Meat, after all, is a wonderful short-cut to certain necessary pro-teins and amino-acids, and the distrait spike-haired figure eating a messy chicken sandwich at 2am in the kitchen is, a parent can comfort herself, at least stocking up on what it takes to make him grow. Of course, so is the responsible domestic type cooking up kidney-bean goulash and chewing through muesli with fortified soya-milk, but this is not the

teenage norm. As one mother of two newly converted children put it in despair. "They were so picky anyway that we are now on a diet of mainly raisins and brown. bread. Frankly, I am beginning to suspect it is a form of modified anorexia. My eldest keeps telling me that Prince Charles is almost vegetarian, and I find myself snapping back that he is over 40 and he damn well wasn't living on beansprouts when he was 14 and

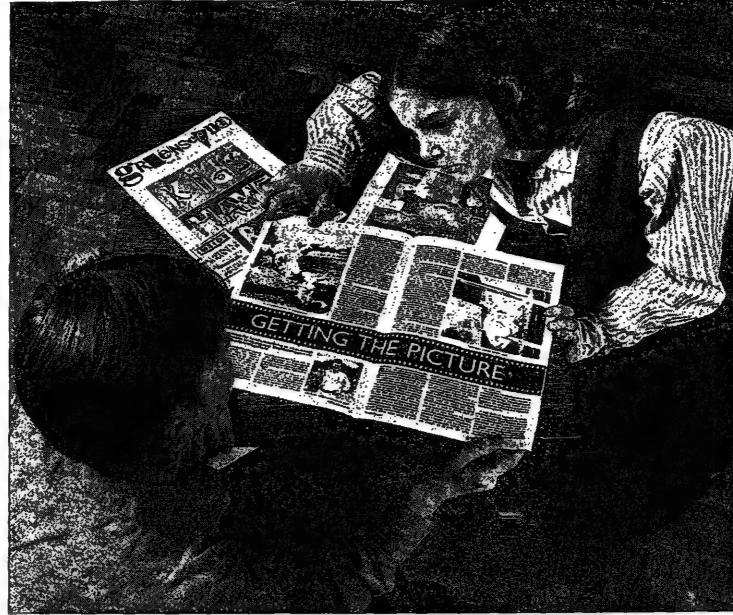
In the light of such anxieties, parents might be initially glad to hear of a magazine for child vegetarians. The Vegetarian Socicty's Greenscene is now on its eighth issue, claims a readership of 10,000 of its junior members, intends to go on public sale and could have been a wonderful vehicle for nutritional advice.

I have to tell you that it is not. Greenscene seems to me a zanny. slangy, well-produced hymn to every kind of illogicality and cant. It is a lost opportunity, proselytising where it could have helped. narrow-minded where it could have been liberating. It makes you tear your hair out.

ake the star interview with television astronomer Heather Couper. Blithely she tells of refusing all meat at school and eating only the vegetables (a classic route to malnutrition). Sentimentally, she explains that her reason for giving up fish is not overfishing. but a friend's comment that a cod in a tank had "big brown eyes" like hers. The interviewer, in fanzine style, merely says "oo-er, spooky!" and commends her as brilliantly sensible".

On it goes, through cartoon strips about Space Sheep and Astro Pig, trendy imprecations against "Prat of the Year" John Gummer, horror pictures of battery animals, environmental sermons (all with a vegetarian bias) and endless puffs for gifts and right-on toiletries to "Spice up your Grimbo". When a poor 14year-old convert writes in saying: "I feel so guilty . . . in a way I was a murderer", the editor cries "Wo yea! This is the stuff that fills my ant with joy!"

Even allowing for the shrill tone of all teenage magazines, the thing infuriating. It makes no constructive use of teenage ideal-ism, but is carefully calculated to



A recipe for problems?: Greenscene magazine claims a readership of 10,000, but they are still in need of nutritional knowledge

harness sentimentality, self-doubt, guilt and clubbishness. Logic is never allowed to get in the way of sentiment: there are many sweet pictures and references to pet cats and dogs, whose necessary diet of meat supports a vast processing industry. There is lip-service to the ozone layer yet countless puffs for pop records, artificial leather, beauty products, cuddly toys, stickers and jewellery, all of which are unnecessary luxuries produced fuel-burning factories. There idyllic pictures of cows and p, but no mention of the fact that if everyone went vegetarian none would be bred, and our landscape legacy of grassland and

grazing-marshes would be lost forever. The sole message is that as long as you do not put meat in your month, you are "Wo yea!" and groovy. The recipes are excellent but few, and there is no nutritional advice with them.

With persistence and ingenuity, a family can feed a vegetarian child to healthy maturity. The real disaster is that by using the troubled compassion of children to put them off meat altogether, a vast opportunity is wasted. For it is true that much factory farming is disgustingly cruel: it is true that government has been complacent over diseases such as BSE and

that we eat - and, above all, waste - too much meat.

But vegetarianism is a blust instrument. Out in the real world, there do exist organic and welfareminded farmers producing animals reared with kindness: economically, so far, it is hardly worth their while. Most of the population only bothers about price, and the worned few turn their back on meet altogether. If children and teenagers pestered their parents to buy less meat, and buy it from organic growers or genuinely humane chicken farms, there might be hope of a new balance. Or they might take an interest in the Humane Slaughter

Association, which lobbies for careful transport and killing: after all, even the RSPCA could find only 6.6 per cent of animals improperly stunned at slaughter in a recent survey, so public interest and pressure could abolish that small percentage entirely. Energetic teenagers who care could be the key to a genuine consumer revolution: instead, they are being soft-scaped into a faddish ob-

session with inner purity.

Forgive me if I rant. I am practising for the day, a few years hence, when my own children become Teenase Militant Hero Vegetarians. We shall have some

### Thank you as she is written Do children still write letters of gratitude for gifts

"THANK you very much for the nice gloves you sent me for Christmas. They were something I wanted - but not very much This thank you letter sent to a fortunately amused granny is just the tip of the postbag when it comes to the etiquette surround-

after Christmas?

ing children's thank you letters. Letter-writing is not an entirely lost art. A straw poll among ten junior scribes and their mothers revealed that three ten-year-olds pen their own letters, five eightyear-olds rely on mothers to make polite phone calls instead, and one six-year-old writes the odd line to grandparents only. Thank you letters are a necessity in my eyes, if not in my children's. A certain amount of cajoling and threatening goes into persuading my six-year-old to scrawl a dozen or so versions of "Dear so-and-so". So far, his younger sister has been let off with a drawing expressing appreciation, plus an explanatory note at the bottom from me.

Pictures, in fact, can be a good way of introducing young gift recipients to the art of thank you letters, according to Lynette Burrows, the author of Good Children and mother of six budding writers, now aged from 12 to 22. "When they were younger we'd sit down at the kitchen table on December 27 and make lino-cuts to print thank you letters and put personal messages on them. Another idea is to take a big piece of paper and draw an illustrated margin round it with the message "Do you like this drawing? It's to say thank you for" and so on. Children should be taught to write or draw some kind of thank you letter. It breeds good habits for adulthood.'



HUS, OF COL or break the missive. Mrs Burrows suggests adults provide a rough phrase framework which offspring could then embellish: "Examples might include "Thank you very much; what Christmas was like; who I saw; what I did; what the others did' and so on."

Ivan Sokolov, a co-director of Parents Network, a support organisation, and the father of two boys aged 13 and 15, does not believe in forcing unwilling adolescents to produce the required result. "A parent has to act as a consultant and point out that people like receiving letters. It also helps to acknowledge a child's feelings by saying 'I know you'd rather play with your new game or go out with friends, but it would make your aunt feel good if you thanked her for the present she's

taken so much time to choose'. "I'd see a phone call as acceptable, although older people might not. It's often a generation issue, with older people expecting traditional, courteous values."

ONE might argue that it is up to parents to perpetuate those traditional, courteous values, starting young. Helen Crisp, a 29-year-old mother of two and a financial manager for Exploring Parenthood (another advisory organisation for parents), says forming good writing habits early breeds courtesy for life: "My own mother used to make me do mine before I went back to school, and if she didn't receive them from other children she might blacklist them on her present list the following year. I don't think there's anything wrong in being forced to write. It certainly made me continue to do so, some 20 years later."

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# Putting men to paper the woman editor of the Magazines for men

mass-market men's maga-zine, GQ, is frustrated: she simply cannot find men to write about sex. Since taking the helm of the glossy Condé Nast publication last February, Alexandra-Shulman, aged 33, has discovered a distinct reluctance among male writers to venture into what, to them at least, appears to be virgin territory.

"It has long been legend that whenever men gather together from the locker room to the bar they will happily discourse on any subject under the sun, so long as it isn't women or relationsl Miss Shulman says. "I now believe that the taboo extends to writing, too. And it is not that they are too embarrassed to bring the subject up because I am female. It's simply that they prefer to sit at a word-processor and wax lyrical about tennis, wine, chess, even pinball machines. But 'The Glory of the Breast? The Mysteries of the Male Orgasm"? Forget it."

She acknowledges, of course, that until recently there was in this country no literary forum, outside fiction and "girlie magazines", for male writers to explore relationships and sex. "So they haven't had a lot of practice. But I've come to the conclusion that the cliched 'new man', willing to discuss his emotions in public, is nothing

more than media myth." This "peculiarly British, male oyness" (as Miss Shulman describes it) is evidently not a trait restricted to men who live by the pen. Eleanor Stephens, the editor of the successful Channel 4 series Sex Talk, which finishes next week, encountered similar reluctance among heterosexual men when she sought to recruit them for intimate discussion groups.

"The individuals who were most open were invariably women - both straight and lesbian," she possible Aids backlash, homosexual men were also extremely willing to come forward and hare

carry their share of articles on love and sex - but all written by women



GQ's Alexandra Shuhman

their souls. But only a very small number of straight men responded to our initial invitation, which gave us little choice when assem-bling studio groups."

Ms Stephens feels the problem is because "British people have a problem with pleasure. There is a poritanical legacy of repression."
Women, she says, have begun to break down the taboo — partly since the advent of magazines such as Cosmopolitan, which have for 20 years explored every inch of the human psyche and physique. "Ironically, it has left the British male deeply confused about how to relate to that socalled liberated woman."

On the other side of the Atlantic, Miss Shulman's counterpart encounters no such problems. "On the contrary," says Art Cooper, the editor of GQ in the United States. "In the States it is hard to find a man or woman who

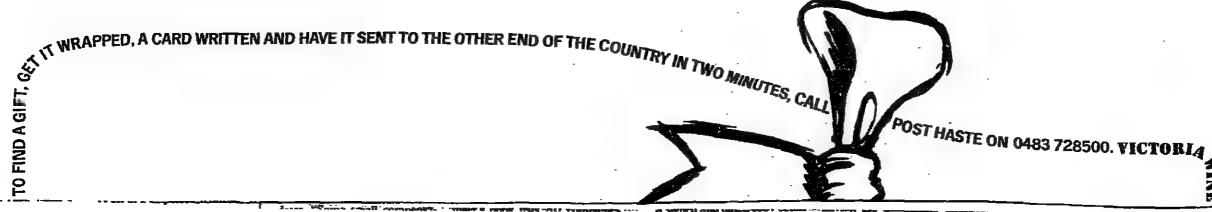
will not write about sex at the drop of a condom. If a male writer has a 'performance problem', shall we bed and writes an article about it. Men are writing about sex more candidly than ever in the past, sometimes to the point of overkill, where you think 'do I want to know that much about someone?." Mr Cooper thinks that if Miss Shulman succeeds in "unblocking" her British writers, the magazine's 60,688 circulation may soar. "We have found overwhelmingly in our surveys of reders that the features about sex and relationships poll highest. The all-time winner, in fact, was a very

explicit piece on 'sackrobatics'." Perhaps Miss Shulman should simply follow the advice of Dylan Jones, the editor of Arena, the men's magazine which first hit the bookstalls four years ago. Mr Jones has all but abandoned trying to assign male writers to explore the subject of sex, deploying instead women such as Julie Burchill (on penis size) or (in the current issue) Kimberly Leston, who tackles the subject of fellatio. Some years ago. I did commission a piece on fellatio, written by a man. It was very funny, and actually covered a lot of the same ground as this one; we couldn't run it, because in print it would have appeared far too sexist. A woman can get away with this. But if we changed Kimberly's name to Brian I think we'd be deluged

s Stephens, who is devoting a six-part series to men's thoughts and feelings, says that 50 years ago Freud asked the question "What do women want?" "We have most of the answers to that conundrum now," she says. "In 1990 it is men who are the great mystery. Partly, it is because, even in 1990, British men would far rather write about war than write about sex."

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# The records show he took the blows

Frank Sinatra is a mass of contradictions, but is indisputably the century's greatest popular singer. As Old Blue Eyes prepares to celebrate his 75th birthday, George Melly pays tribute

Sinatra standard is My Way, a fakehumble, vainglori-ous load of schmaltz, but, as he prepares to celebrate his 75th birthday next Wednesday, no one could deny him the right to sing it. Whether that right is a matter for wholehearted self congratulation is open to ques-tion. It is true that the alleged Mafia connection was never made to stick but, although one must accept this, his public record has often been deplorable. Protected by goons and surrounded by sycophants, he could be absurdly arrogant. Even for its time, his male chauvinism was well over the top. He courted the White House regardless of the probity of its occupant. He was given to brawling and heavy drinking, and could afford to buy his way out of trouble.

On the credit side he has raised millions for charity and, more impressively, was often spontaneously generous to those down on their luck. He was a courageous fighter in adversity, a consistent anti-racist and, until John Kennedy chose, like a latter day Henry V dismissing Falstaff, to humiliate him, he was a political idealist.

His biographers have differed widely as to how these conflicting aspects of this complex man add up, but not one of them, not even the consistently hostile Ms Kitty Kelley, has questioned his artistry. They all agree that be was the greatest popular singer of this century - the non-percil. He could take a banal lyric, a

predictable tune, and lend it a poetry far beyond its merits. He could interpret a great song, apparently unassailable in itself, and wrest from it unsuspected

layers of meaning, without betraying its essential qualities. Only Billie Holiday, whom he has always acknowledged as his principal influence, is on his evel as an interpreter. Only she had his ability to expose herself so rawly, to celebrate transitory happiness to the same heart-



Complex: Frank Sinatra

Despite my use of the pust tense, Sinatra continues to record and appear before the public. He may still, who knows, aim a geriatric swipe at an obtrasive press photographer, or insult an unfriendly woman journalist, Nevertheless, at 75, his career, if not over, is in inevitable decline. When I last heard him, in 1984 at the Albert Hall, he was covering up his vocal shortcomings and stiffen-ing limbs by cunningly drawing attention to them. Yet there was still a lot going for him. His timing, his audacious phrasing, his throw-away showmanship remained intact. Even so, it was a sentimental rather than an inspiring evening, a ritual rather than a happening. I had the sensation that Time was in the wings, giancing at his watch.

It was of no account, though. Sinstra's immortality is assured and - happily for us, even more for future generations — it will not have to depend on memory or bearsity.

His most creative years co-incided with the invention of the long-playing record. The evipreserved in its grooves.

Although I am old enough to have followed his whole career, I came to admire him compar-atively late. During his début as a swoon-inducing bobbysox idol, I was entirely committed to early was contrary committed to early jazz. I never gave Sinetra a thought; he was not black, he didn't sing classic blues, he was becked by white swing bands. Of course, gradually, he strolled into my mind, glass in hand, cost over shoulder, cigarette dengling, but it was probably his Oscarwinnian annearance in From winning appearance in From Here to Eternity that persuaded me to take him seriously, to listen to his albums and realise just how close to jezz he was.

And how close was that? That ugly cliche "jazz orientated" is probably the most accurate defi-nition. Certainly without jezz he would not have sounded the same. His attack, his best notes, his ability to swing at any tempo were all part of his jazz inheritance; yes, despite his recordings with Count Basic and Duke Ellington, jazz was only one of the good fairies around his cradle in Hoboken. His contribution has been to link jazz feeling and superior popular song, to build a bridge. He was a hybrid of

knost from the start he knew exactly what he needed to back him: needed to back nim: swinging, well-crafted arrangements by people like Nelson Riddle, Gordon Jenkins and Quincy Jones. He understood exactly the material be could handle best songs of lonely despeir in the small hours, of sophisticated seductions, of "tickets to romantic places", of wry regrets at the wounds inflicted by time, of wistful erotic memory. He couldn't help but be sexy; a potent mixture of arrogant stud and little boy lost.
His only serious failing was his occasional inability to resist gilding the hily; to spoil the flawious lyrics of Cole Porter and

others with "hip" embellish-



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The love of his life: yet Frank Shatra found he could not deal with the film star Ava Gardner

today than when they were at least current slang. His spoken introductions, too, were at times crass, especially given his other-wise impeccable feeling for how to shape his act and build its

persons is enigmetic. Dominated and driven by his formidable mother, he never escaped from the whore/madonna syndrome. He could not deal with Ava

either role, and handed out as good as she got. His disastrous relationship with the press was not all his fault. Once they had caught on to his inability to keep his cool, they gooded him until he broke, and then smugly deplored his lack of control. On the other hand, the unattractive Brat Pack was entirely his own doing. He had the chutzpah to rail against the bad behaviour of rock stars, but his own hell-raising was just as boorish and without even the excuse of

In the end, though, none of this matters. Despite (perhaps because of) the chip on his shoulder, his arrogance and insecurity, his art touches us at a deeper level than we (and possibly he) realise. "And time," W.H. Auden wrote of a French literary monster of genius, "will pardon Paul Claudel. Will pardon him for writing well."
Change "writing" to "singing"
and it could apply equally to
Francis Albert Sinatra.

# The law of selection

How does an ambitious policeman reach the top? By taking gruelling tests

he senior policeman has scarcely left the room before the chief constables burst forth with enthusiasm. "I thought he was excellent," one says. "I think he was lively, sure-footed and personable," another adds.

The selection of the next crop of Britain's highest ranking policemen is under way. During the past two weeks 100 superinten-dents and chief superintendents have been assessed at a hotel in Eastbourne by teams of chief constables and civilians for a place on an annual senior command course.

Anybody who passes through the sixmonth course should achieve the rank of at least assistant chief constable.

This is also a testing time for the entire police service. Criticised for failing to keep or promote takent, it has belately recognised the need for up to 30 qualified officers to fill

the top ranks each year.

During a three-day period candidates are split into sets of six, to be subjected to exercises which investigate their intelligence, numeracy, decisiveness and analytical skills. Each group of assessors, which is made up of two top officers and a layman, watches group exercises, and grades written tests and interviews. The system is based on that used by War Office selection boards in the second world war.

Although a candidate may be brilliant on paper, that will not be enough. "We will ask whether he has the steel to deal with problems, take decisions," an assessor says. Curricula vitae can provoke scathing responses. "On the face of it, this is a shallow man," a police assessor says of a candidate. Another officer notes a candidate is moved by man's inhumanity to

didate is moved by man's inhumanity to man, and comments: "As a policeman he should have got over that by now."

The candidates are asked to debate subjects including whether there are too many dogs, and the importance of green politics. One group argues energetically about dogs, without touching the issue of the increasing number of savage breeds. They are also asked to chair a committee of their neers.

their peers.

The interviews can be crucial. The lay assessor takes the candidate through his private life, searching for depth and individual sparkle. The police assessors test professional competence. One officer delights the lay assessor, but another is dismissed as "lacking bottom".

Verdicts will be announced later this month. By that time the candidates will have recovered from a nerve-wracking experience. Last week one officer, told he was being given a committee exercise titled "Looming Crisis", replied: "It's been that for the last 48 hours."

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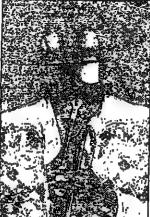
# extreme

Varilla los: To the Extreme (SBK SBKLP9) Various: The Hot Spot (Antilles AN8755)

WITH rock and pop albums being released in unprece-dented quantity onto a fragmented market, the only distinguishing feature of many new releases is the minute variation they bring to a homogenised selection of familiar themes. Vanilla Ice has rapidly mastered the process of synthesis, as his rise to the top of the singles charts with "Ice Ice Baby" proves.

This single is a finely constructed confection, which owes some of its appeal to a sample from the Queen/ Bowie track, "Under Pressure" (a matter currently in litigation, since "Ice Ice Baby" has already out-sold "Under Pressure"); over an album of 15 tracks, Ice's facility for mixing from a treasure trove of devices evaporates until only cliché remains. The title, then, is a misnomer. To the Extreme is nothing of the sort, being functional and moderate.

If the syncretism of Vanilla Ice is motivated by finance, the soundtrack to the new film noir by Dennis Hopper, The Hot Spot, appears to have been assembled according to superfan principles. Just as sports fans debate the ultimate football team, so Hopper has imagined the band of his dreams and then made all the necessary telephone calls. Miles Davis plays lonely



Lone trumpeter: Miles Davis trumpet against John Lee Hooker's equally lonely guitar and vocals, and Earl Palmer supplies the heavy back beat. Jack Nitzsche, fondly remembered for his collaborations with Phil Spector and Neil Young, wrote the score. This is mood music in the nonpejorative sense, with the added frisson of answering the "What would it

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Chekhov, the Redgraves and a Soviet director: Robert Gore Langton anticipates Three Sisters

Russian language Richard III at the Roundhouse was the talk of the town ten years ago. The play was a critical triumph, performed by a company from Georgia in the Soviet Union and directed by Robert Sturua. Now Sturua, for the past 12 years artistic director of the Rustaveli Theatre in Tbilisi, is returning to the London stage with Chekhov's Three Sisters in a West End production starring the Red-graves. If the idea of a Georgian directing an English version of a Russian classic seems odd, then it is even odder still that this leading Soviet director, with some 60 productions under his belt, has never

before staged a play by Chekhov.
Far from his home turf, Sturua is making good this gap with a very theatrical family. Three Sisters stars two sisters, Lynn and Vanessa Redgrave (as Olga and Masha), with their pieces. their niece. Jemma Redgrave, as Irina. It is thus a family show, following the sisterly trend set by the Cusack daughters who, with their father Cyril, recently lent a touch of the blarney to Chekhov's masterpiece of provincial futility.

The story of this production is complicated, but Sturus succeeded through the efforts of Thelma Holt, his mentor and unofficial London agent. and the producer of this commercial enless theatre importer and the mastermind behind the National Theatre's foreign sen-

sons, has exploited the mutual admiration between the performers and the director. Indeed, it was through Vanessa Redgrave's own independent company that Sturua's last production was brought to London briefly last year.

Having agreed on the Redgrave sisters, Holt supplied Sturua with a shortlist of supporting actors and he appears delighted with the resulting hand-picked team. In our interview he spoke only Russian, and through his assistant Helen Molchanoff (assisting as interpreter throughout rehearsals), he explained why he had never approached Chekhov before.

"Psychologically, Georgians are more theatrical than Russians," he says. "They don't much care for realism on stage and Chekhov writes realistic plays, Ostrovsky is more popular. Chekhov isn't staged very often. We are too close to Russia. If you make Chekhov very, very Georgian it becomes rather untrue, though, oddly enough, the problems of Chekhov's characters exist for us. Georgians don't speak openly about their suffering, they are more inclined to laugh, to conceal their

private drama and pretend every-

thing is fine." He believes the English tradition of doing Chekhov probably follows the Russian: over-rationalised characters with a heavy emphasis on the poetic weight of the unspoken. There has been of late a move away from the atmosphere of gentle sadness to something more mordant, but Sturua's approach will be to highlight the comedy, the unpredictability and sadness of the characters, while also establishing an ensemble feel which is the hallmark of his work at the Rustaveli. Excessive gloom is alien to the Georgian temperament. "It's impossible to stage it without humour. Chekhov attached so much importance to irony. If it's not

funny, it's my fault."
The problem of translating Russian-ness is not a big issue for Sturua.
"I think that with all great dramatists different nations just switch on to him in their own way. The psychol-ogy of the English is different, they can't really play Russians; but Chekhov is universal, each nation finds itself reflected in the work." As for the gimmick of having the stage dominated by members of the

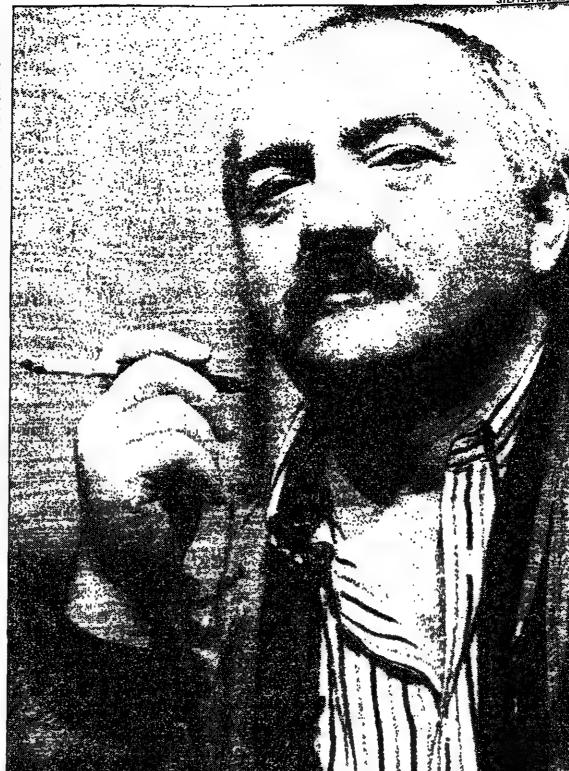
same family, though it has huge box-office appeal, Sturua does *'Relationships* not necessarily regard often get in the it as an artistic advantage. "It could way. It is a help help or hinder. The because the theatre is a strange thing. People who Redgraves work hate one another offterprise. Holt, a tire- intuitively, always stage can work brilliantly together, while close relationhelping one ships often get in the way of the job. In this another instance it is a help

because the Redgraves work intuitively, always belping one another. I like the fact that such great actors as Vanessa and Lynn give me no complications. They have turned out to be ordinary people, not stars."

Back at home, the Rustaveli has

always played a prominent part in the Georgian nationalist movement, paying a heavy price in the 1930s when many of Sturua's predecessors were shot. Now independence seems a possibility. Meanwhile, the status of Moscow has changed: the city the sisters dream of has, he says, "become a cauldron and no one knows what sort of soup will emerge from it. History is taking place before our eyes. Whether it means world catastrophe or the start of something new, no one knows.

"Chekhov still touches on the problem. We see in this play characters who get together and could actually do something, while all they actually do is talk, talk, talk. In some way it echoes today on a deep level - the fact is that the most splendid character of the play dies



Robert Sturus: first time he has staged Chekhov in 60 productions, and far from his home tarf

prevent it; there's the tragedy." Sturua now directs on the international opera circuit; his next project is Tchaikovsky's Eugene Onegin in Bologna. He argues that with so much political theatre going on in the Soviet parliament, in Georgia there is now a demand for classics. This is not to say his output is uncontentious. Next year Thelma Holt may bring his King Lear to London. "I staged my Lear five years

ago before the process of democratisation in Russia had begun, Now I find that Shakespeare has foretold the events of my country. The dictator leaves, and freedom is given to the children, but the children are even worse than their father because they've been educated to become the permanent human values of the amoral. The state collapses and everyone dies. On tour in Italy the Lear: the apocalypse of the Soviet

those terms when I staged it." Sturua's presence in Britain is part of the burgeoning cultural exchange now possible between East and West. He believes the mix is healthy, the barriers in a theatrical sense, artificial. "I believe all great writers have no nationality and all bad writers belong to one nationality - the nation of the talentless." Is this true of headlines said: "The Rustaveli King directors, too? "Unfortunately, yes," Lear: the apocalypse of the Soviet he says. "I belong to one country, but

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## Feast of modern talents

THE Huddersfield Contem-porary Music Festival is now so capacious it can accommodate more themes than several. This year the Alfred Schnittke birthday concert, about which Stephen Pettitt wrote last week, was just the prelude to a wide-ranging retrospective, which itself was only part of a grand survey of new music from Russia and

djacent states. Besides all that, there was a strong Australian injection. and room still for celebrations of Toru Takemitsu and Gavin Bryars. The sheer quantity and diversity, though, would be pointless without Huddersfield's other distinctions: high standards of performance and healthy audiences.

In the closing two days the New London Chamber Choir. under Paul Webster, arrived to offer typically strong performances and a stimulating contrast between John Tavener's music and that of eastern European composers. There was a similar commitment to the sacred, notably by Arvo Part and Sofia Gubaidulina. Tavener, even when setting Greek and Hebrew, sounded distinctly Anglican in this context, whereas the rudimentary character of Part's music, reduced to the fewest possible modal phrases and concords, seems to strip away any sign of particular cultural traditions other than that of the composer's own output.

His settings of German texts of the seven Magnificat antiphons for Advent, written in 1988 and being sung here for the first time, are marked throughout by his harmonic style, and also by his gift for luminous vocal scoring. They sounded wonderful in the church acoustic of St Paul's Hall, and deserve a life in the liturgy of cathedrals.

The choir also gave rhythmically crisp but nicely fulltoned accounts of Stravinsky's compact liturgical pieces of the 1920s, and of his late anthem, The Dove Descending, which here, among so much unashamed tonality, was a lonely climb into the serial ether, and a nagging reminder of other musical worlds. It says something about the state of contemporary music that these two minutes of Stravinsky, who has been dead for nearly 20 years, should have provided the most challenging moment in three concerts.

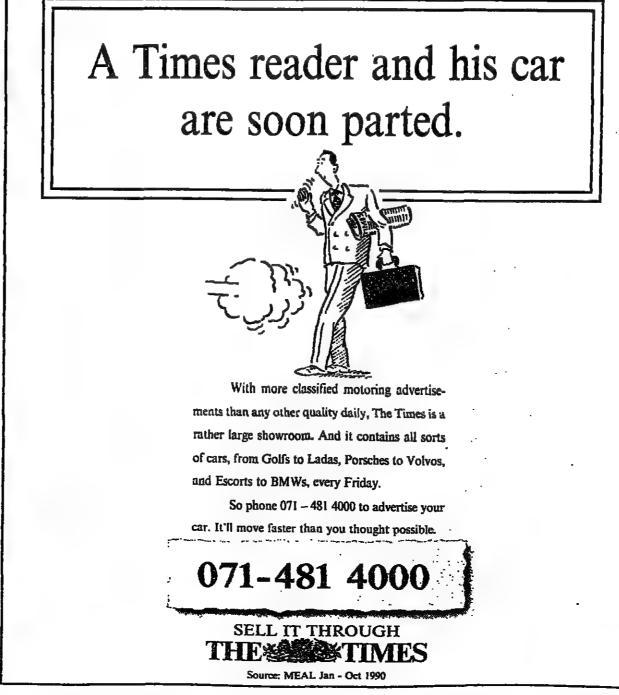
There were certainly other pleasures, though, elsewhere. Elisabeth Perry surprised with a gently wayward piece for two violins, written the day before by Gavin Bryars and called The Corinthian Middle. It is typical of Bryars that we should be left waiting for the beginning and the end. Also in this programme, the short Still Life with a Violin was probably not the best introduction to the highly praised young Polish com-poser Hanna Kulenty, and the Schnittke theme burned itself out with the mildly amusing

The grand finale was left to the Sydney percussion quartet Synergy, brought half-way across the world simply for its two Huddersfield concerts. It began with an astonishingly tight, unanimous rattle through Cage's Third Construction, and Australian pieces that foilowed were less impressive, its closing display of energy. speed and power in Japanese taiko drumming was spectacular. It was a pity no winning work could be found in the competition to provide them with a new British piece. Next year the festival intends to pursue this attractive policy of giving visiting ensembles some British music to take home with them, so that Huddersfield can become a worldwide instigator as well as a receiving centre.

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# Realists revalued as tide of taste turns John Russell Taylor conservative, highly graphic art just because of his absence from

suspects that a

nonagenarian genius has been overlooked

painters left to be discovered. The market like a giant vacuum cleaner, must surely have swept them all up by now. Fortunately, there is always the art world's passion for neat categorisation to crect artificial barriers against total knowledge. Lotte Laserstein (interviewed below, right), enjoying her second London show after a dazzling debut (at the age of 89) three years ago, is a striking case. She was a two-way loser of international celebrity. First, she emerged, painting in a powerfully realistic style, at a moment when Weimar Germany was looking in another direction. Second, she moved to Sweden in 1936 and stayed, thereby setting up a persistent confusion about her nationality.

Faced with her work, which in this show is bracketed with that of her first teacher at the Berlin Academy, Erich Wolfsfeld, and one of her first pupils, Gottfried Meyer, these quibbles and uncertainties seem sublimely irrelevant. It helps that she has reemerged at a time when taste is

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world which thinks that Lucian Freud is one of the greatest living painters is ready for Laserstein.

scene, not only in This juxtaposition of three generations is revealing. Compared with her teacher Wolfs-feld. Laserstein emerges immediately as the born painter. Wolfsfeld (1885-1946) was justly famed as a great teacher of

drawing, and was himself a leading light in the etching revival at the start of the century. That much can quickly be seen: the etchings are complex yet incisive, the intricate compositions with their richly varied play of strong outlines impose themselves instantly. His paintings are more clusive: interesting and accomplished, but

somehow come out muzzy.
Possibly Wolfsfeld also suffered from being uprooted by the Nazis and spending his last 57 years in England, Again, there may be a problem of knowing which pigeonhole to put him in. So may there be with Gottfried Meyer, now a mere stripling of 79. After a period in a French prisoner-of-war camp at the end of the war he did go back to teaching in Germany, have entered his blood. It would be a mistake to write off his

the limelight he has the strength of a great tradition behind him.

However, it is Laserstein's art that claims the most attention. She can organise with consummate mastery a complicated scene such as "The Discussion" (1931), not only in technical terms with its virtuoso handling of light and shadow, its contained dynamism, but also in its psychological insight and its creation of atmosphere. The "Boy with Motor-Cycle" of 1920, a greatly light and its creation of atmosphere. cycle" of 1929, a strongly head-on composition full of convincing detail (apparently she herself rode a motorcycle), also has an intense period feel, as though the motorcyclist himself might have stepped straight out of the pages of Isherwood. Not that there is anything dubious about the sexual shape of the young man: Laserstein's men are definitely men, and her women just as definitely women. She is clearly interested in people.

The same cannot necessarily be said for the painter who, for a week or so, shares Agnew's space with the German threesome. Keith Vaughan, as few can be unaware since the publication of his unexpurgated diaries and Malcolm Yorke's painfully explicit biography, was a homosexual and the sort of painter whose sexual emerged at a time when taste is orientation can easily be guessed from his work. When the paintings

and drawings in the Agnew show, which ranges through his career, are figurative at all, they almost invariably begin from the naked male body, and that is more than a mere formal

Convention.
This, unfortunately, is where puritanical notions intervene. In this country, erotic involvement of whatever orienta-

tion is often considered an improper, or insufficient, motivation for art. The seriousness of an artist who loves to paint nudes is often felt to be measurable by the degree of "detachment" that he or she achieves. In Vaughan's case, sexual interest in the male form seems to animate the purely formal interest, without in any

way invalidating it.

This formidably consistent body of work embodies a rigorous stylistic exploration which never accepts easy answers. Every painter paints for some reason. With painting of this quality, the reason seems unimportant, compared with the result.

Erich Wolfsfeld, Lotte Laserstein & Gottiried Meyer/Keith Vanghan Agnew's, 43 Old Bond Street, Wi Fri 9.30-5.30 (Thurs to 6.30), Wolfsfeld etc until Jan 4, Vaughan until Dec 14.



"When I was five I had a kavalier of seven. I said to him, even then: 'Don't waste your time. I am going to dedicate my whole life to art.'

that Laserstein's painting is strong

and unsparing, and not in the least

ladylike. She admits that she is a

tough disciplinarian with her sit-

ters: her favourite model through

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# Birdlike figure who defied Nazis

here is a sharp command:
"Stay still" I find myself
fixed in three-quarter profile, waiting to com-plete the social niceties. The booded, eagle eye of Lotte Laserstein regards me critically. 'Yes, that's good. That is the angle I would draw you from." Taken aback, I stumble into conversation with this tiny, birdlike lady. Heaven knows why, for Laserstein is, after all, a brilliant and (in Scandinavia at least) famous portrait painter; a few months ago she completed her latest commission, an almost life-size portrait of a prominent Swede; and she works all day, every day, in the large studio attached to her flat in

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Sweden. She is also 92 years old. Not that she seems to attach any importance to that. She does say that her bold, realistic style has become looser and freer in the last few years, "as my eyesight gets worse", and also observes that she continuously nowadays, because Lotte Laserstein, the veteran portrait

painter, talks to John Russell Taylor

heart starts to pound and then I must stop. Well, only for half an hour, and then I can go again." With her training, it is under-standable she should feel like a keeper of the flame. Her first formal teacher was Erich Wolfsfeld, himself directly in the great German realist tradition desouded from Memel and Liebt. She has seen her approach to painting go in and out of fashion several times, and is now philosophical if British critics tend to label ber, for easy identification, as a precursor of Lucian Freud, whose recent paintings have a haunting resemblance to the sort of thing she was doing in the Twenties. Did she like Frend's

work? "The technique is extraordinary. But," (she wrinkles her

An interesting judgment, given

nudes are ... too nude."

only the Amazon figure of an athlete, but also the physical strength and coordination which enabled her to hold difficult poses for hours. Laserstein was also a successful teacher, setting up her own school at the age of 24. "Are you a painter?" she asks. No, I say; I have never been able to draw anything so that anyone else would recognise it. She snorts.
"You would if you had been to my school." I suspect I would never

have dared not to.
She had to make her way in the man's world of art in Weimar
"When I was five I had a kavalier of seven. I said to him, even then: 'Don't waste your time.

I am going to dedicate my whole life to art. I shall not have the time

to marry you or anyone else." With one Jewish grandparent, she had an increasingly difficult time when Hitler came to power. Her pictures were officially pronounced worthless. In 1936 she went to visit friends in Sweden, and was providentially offered an exhibition there. By devious means, she managed to get all her paintings out of Germany. "I knew I could never go back, because they told me that I had acted itlegally in taking these paintings of high value out or the country - suddenly they were not worthless any more - and I would

After 53 years in Sweden, she regards herself as more Swedish than German, and talks in an unpredictable mixture of Swedish, German and English. She has led such an astonishing life that it seems a pity there is no biography would be interesting. When I am dead they can do it."

be arrested if I returned."

## CRITIC'S CHOICE:

GALLERIES LITERALLY SURREAL: Garry Winogrand, who died in 1984 at the egg of 56, was clearly a cameraholic. But it tended to be weird and wonderful: the American way of life seen through the

eyes of a surrealist.
Hayward Gallery, South Bank Centre,
SE1 (071-251 0127) daily 10-6, Tues,
Wed to 8, until Feb 3.
WAR VICTIM: Among the sadder
lesses of the first world war was the post and painter least Rosenberg, who died at only 28. This centenary show does full justice to all his abilities. Imperial War Museum, Lambath Road SE1 (071-416 5000), daily 10-6, until

PLEASURE DOME: Winners and some losers from the recent competition to design a new pavilion for Soane's Dulwich Picture Gallery 9H Gallery, 26-28 Cramer Street, W1 (071-486 3555) Tues-Fri 12.30-6 (Thurs to 8). Sat, Sun 2-6, until Dec 21. FEMALE IMPRESSIONS Bertha Morisot was Manet's sister-in-law and sometime sitter, but she britishtly made her own way as a major impressionist. Her paintings, watercolours and drawings have a rare delicacy and

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# Temples in teasing transparency

experimental, yet an engraver cannot afford to be tentative. Only experience teaches how a design or produces bold bas-reliefs in drama and Grecian urns. particular mark on the glass will look once properly lit, so yet distant. that the clear surface disappears into black and the medium requires), her woengraved areas glister. Yet men, with their long flowing once made, an abrasion or stipple-point can never be erased. The years of experience now on show at Asprey Eric Gill (at least one of whose have led three artists to ex-plore very different forms of successfully transferred to drawing in glints.

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> James Denison-Pender's stipple people are a complete contrast: contemporary, naturalistic, casual. They look like snapshots - the Kenyan boy and his passengers on a ferry - although several are imaginary, inspired by A Midsummer Night's Dream, Delius, and poems by Hardy and

> > A frequent visitor to Africa. Denison-Pender also engraves wild animals: elephants and egrets on a bowl, a baboon on goblet, and, most successfully because of their markings, chectahs and zebra. Some animals closer to home are drawn in a way that is merely pretty: some widgeon in rather poor perspective, Cumberland sheep. These fail to bring out the peculiar particularly curved glass.

Denison-Pender began engraving after seeing work by Laurence Whistler, and the same presiding inspiration is unmistakable in the large scenic goblets stipple-engraved by Laurence's son, Simon. His series of seven Welsh landscapes in the foot-steps of Turner concentrates Street, London W1 (071-493 upon effects of shadow, radi-6767), until December 24. upon effects of shadow, radi-

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theme. "The Midnight Owl" combines the straight vista of a ruined priory with the curve of a goblet to give an eerie effect: as the glass turns, the north wall becomes the south wall and reverts, with the viewer seeing alternately into and through the A large and remarkable bowl, "Templa Quam Dilec-

shows all 43 of the follies - at Stowe, engraved right around the surface at approximately the correct points of the compass. Five buildings no longer extant appear in ghostly outline, an effect well-suited to glass. Like his father, who has engraved these same three-

dimensional conceits, Simon Whistler learnt a love of architecture while at Stowe School. Now, delightfully, the school has repaid his devotion by buying the bowl. More topical among Whistler's pieces are a superb bicentenary dish by Steuben Glass, incisively engraved with twelve passages of Mozart's music; and a magical flute.

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THEATRE Time and the Conways Old Vic

THIS is the one with the Oliviers. Last September the famous family play had the Cusacks in it, and next week the same famous play (Three Sisters ) will be having the Redgraves, but here and now it is Olivier time. Joan Plowright (Lady O) plays J.B. Priestley's dragonish matriarch, Mrs Conway; Tamsin plays one of her daughters, Julie-Kate another, and son Richard directs them all and seven other performers besides.

The play is not good. The dialogue is of the quality sometimes termed "workmanlike", much as rough planks dropped across a spot of marsh will adequately work to keep feet dryish. Priestley's artlessly trimmed duckboards bear cast and audience along from the start of Kay's 21st birthday in 1919 (everyone madly playing charades) to the party's end a few family, six young Conways all told, still looking hopefully for-

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ward into life. What they do not know - ah. the irony of it - is what will have happened to them 20 years on. But this precious knowledge we in the audience have learnt, because JB has inserted between the first and third acts, which are set in 1919, a middle act from 1938. And here we have seen hopes abandoned. lives in tatters, the wages of selfindulgence, and all the mischief

CONCERT

Philharmonia/Flor

Festival Hall

THE Mozart bicentenary has of-

ficially started: at least, The Times/Sunday Times Mozart Bi-

centenary Festival is under way,

launched with a blaze of C major

from the Philharmonia under its

principal guest conductor-elect,

Claus Peter Flor. Flor has been

making quite an impression since

his first appearances in London,

and this triple bill of symphony,

concerto and mass gave him

ample opportunity to prove that

he is, among other things, a

The symphony was No 34 in C

major, K. 338, a work whose

infectious exuberance and sunny,

if not entirely unclouded, mood

were admirably captured by or-

chestra and conductor. The vivac-

ity of the finale was particularly

delightful, the reduced string en-

semble skipping along with light

In the other movements Flor

demonstrated his ability to give

shape and colour to phrases, a

facility put to good use too in the

Sinfonia Concertante for Violin

bowstrokes and taut rhythms.

sensitive Mozartian.



Julie-Kate Olivier (left), Susan Kyd and Joan Plowright in Time and the Conways at the Old Vic

caused by what Kay calls, "The great Devil in the universe that we call Time". There is much ponderous talk of this nature, because what we have here is one of those occasions in the theatre that we call the Very Devil.

The play contains one ingenious idea - and fair's fair, the two steps forward, one step back construction was an idea of real originality. Forget the fatuous time-theory that poor Alan, the good son (Andrew Hawkins), is required to expound. That seems to boil down to the banal notion that life is made up of woe and joy,

of this work was as skilfully

negotiated as any I can remember.

an exhilarating surge such as would have delighted Mozart's

Mannheim audience, but without

The Sinfonia Concertante is not

a work for glittering exhibition-

ism, and Victor Tretyakov and

Yuri Bashmet both resisted the

temptation, concentrating rather

on subtleties of tonal colouring

and phrasing. Their partnership

with each other and with the

orchestra could not be faulted: a

true dialogue, in which each

participant was self-evidently

listening with as much concentra-

tion as he was expressing himself.

tion" Mass, K 317, again in C

major, the orchestra was joined by

London Voices (director Terry

Edwards), whose nifty articulation

in the fast movements matched

that of the strings. The grandeur of

the opening Kyrie was impressively sustained, and the hushed

passages of the Credo executed

The gorgeous soprano line of

the Agnus Dei was floated wonderfully by Yvonne Kenny,

the other, smaller, solo contribu-

tions being made by Kathleen

Kuhlmann, Keith Lewis and

David Wilson-Johnson.

with no less skill.

For the concluding "Corona-

any trace of vulgarity.

and maybe at the end we shall find that all is well. It sounds more like

old Yorkshire pudding in the sky. Priestley hopes his rearrangement of linear progression will tweak our minds to see life's ironies afresh. But unravel the plot and the characters are found to be wafer-thin. They say nothing profound; they say nothing that is even interesting: ten unimpressive creatures are glimpsed at moments in their ordinary lives, and we learn what? That a mother can spoil a daughter's life, and what with the slump you cannot rely on

Of course it is grand to hear

Theatre Royal, Glasgow

GLASGOW is beginning to make

a habit of booking internationally

famous dance companies which

by-pass England. Last year it was

New York City Ballet, this year

the Stuttgart Ballet. It has brought two productions: John Neu-meier's A Streetcar Named Desire,

opening tonight, and John Cran-

The latter has been for some years in English National Ballet's

repertoire, but given only a hand-

ful of performances annually,

usually with guest stars. The

Stutteart company receives these

guests too, but naturally it wanted

to show Glasgow what the home

team can do with the work created

ENB productions are identical. In

practice there are many small but

telling differences. The London

team could pick up ideas about the

lighting and, more important, how

to maintain liveliness in the party

scene without exaggeration.

Above all, considering how realis-

tic Stuttgart's older characters

Theoretically the Stuttgart and

ko's Onegin.

for them.

BARRY MILLINGTON | no excuse for the ghastly head

Joan Plowright's bubbling voice again, a lovely sound to remind those of us with long memories of

many rich performances in richer plays. Tamsin Olivier's voice has something of the same quality, poignant in her moments of tears. Susan Kyd and Julia Swift seize their few chances, the one to be hoity-toity, the other to inspire her man from the back of a sofa. Richard Olivier spreads his cast around the stage so that when someone has a longish speech she has room to walk about. To what purpose, though?

**JEREMY KINGSTON** 

pieces which turn ENB's cast into a bunch of caricatures.

The principals I saw were the second of two casts in Glasgow, and almost all of them are new to Britain, Wolfgang Stollwitzer, in the title part, is a young dancer of obvious promise; tall, slender, with chiselled good looks, a strong partner and with more technique than we usually see in the role.

Annie Mayet's Tatiana is es-

Olga becomes a more brittle flirt in Dominique Charlier's interpretation, and Friedjof Gensel's Lensky does not get much fire in his blood until about to die. But we have been spoiled in London with some exceptional performances in all these roles, and if Stuttment did not offer the supercharged emotions of some past star-studded cast, it showed the virtues of a strong, cohesive ensemble in a production main-

A DANCE Onegin

> pecially successful in showing the transition from young girl at the beginning to married woman at the end: much changed outwardly but at heart the same. She shows, in many detailed touches, the benefit of working with Marcia Haydee, Cranko's first Tatiana and now the company's director, but she makes it all look both heartfelt and personal.

tained in meticulous order.

JOHN PERCTUAL

#### heim crescendo" at the beginning ROCK Level 42 Hammersmith Odeon

THE ten navigation-aiding dots on Mark King's fretboard were illuminated by red bulbs, which were pretty to look at but constituted a misleading visual pun. One's thoughts turned to red light districts without any prompting from the music on offer, jazz may have seedy associations, but as purloined by Level 42 the rhythms were strictly sanitary.

Still, King's cavalier treatment of the bass guitar being a sight worth beholding, it was hard to

drag one's eyes away from this mini-lightshow. He addresses the instrument's fretboard and strings with the casual wristiness of an Afro-Caribbean percussionist, fuelling a suspicion that if, in any other band, he would have merely been one half of the rhythm section, in this band he is not quite sure which half that is. Is he bassist or bongoist? Either way, he possesses the music industry's most exorbitantly insured right thumb, and that puts him centre stage.

Having lasted ten years and ten albums, Level 42 placed an emphasis on endurance that was perhaps heavier than necessary. During some of the two-hour show's longueurs one had time to put a less than generous interpretation on the phrase "all the hits and more". Into the "and more" category

fell King's first-ever composition, which had juvenilia written all over it but, kicking off with a svelte trumpet solo, at least served the purpose of showing that King's allegiance to the jazz idiom has lasted all his musical life. Taken in tandem with the funky gurgling of his bass in a new song called "Set Me Up", it was an advertisement for the forces which characterise Level 42's multicultural brand of

Topped off by the well-rounded vocal performance of King and keyboardist Mike Lindup, it all made for a satisfactory fusion. It is a bizarre fact, then, that the band's

two leaders retzin an allegiance to the whining guitar solos. Allan Holdsworth, the hired hand who played them, was brought in, as they say in other fields, to do a job. It was bardly his fault that against a rhythmic backdrop they sounded vulgariy out of context.

The hits, particularly "Running in the Family" and "Heaven in my Hands", always returned to rekindle the performance whenever the "and more" threatened to extinguish it, and the show ended, as it had begun, with a generous supply of them. As they used to say in the Conservative party, King is doubtless looking forward to ten more years.

JASPER REES

#### CINEMA GUIDE

 DEATH WARRANT (TS: Action Wiles lang Jest-Cauca van Dientra et en undertover oop in preen Bloodfiristy Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol •) on release

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♦ GHOST (12): Jerry Zucker's supernatural thriller Bizzarra, inco absorbing white it lests. Cennons Baker Street (071-935 9772) Fulham Road (071-370 2535) Empire (071-497 9999) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324). GOODFELLAS (18): Martin Scorsese's
gangster epic following a New York hoodlum's

THEATRE GUIDE Jeremy Kingston's assessment of

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THE MUSIC TEACHER (U): Box THE MUSIC Opers singer (Jose van Oar training two new apprentices for a competition Prently mounted, but wer genteel Director, Gerard Corbaiu. Minema (071-235 4225).

MY BLUE HEAVEN (PG): Steve Martin NY SULE HIAVEN (IND) Steve May as an encompible criminal placed under wing of a spff-necked fill agent (Rick Moranis) Oversitetched comedy. Carmon Parton Street (071-930 0831) Warmer (071-439 0791).

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THE SHELTERING SKY (18): A chilling novel to year Bowlest filmed with a warming visual sweep by Bernerdo Berolucci with John Malkovich and Debra Winger Odeon Leicester Square (071 930 81 11).

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NAMESTY DANCE COMPANY: Roughout, Richard Alston's new work for Rambert, set to two peaces by Stevel Reach, receives the world premiers tonight and tomorrow. Works by Soothan Deves and Gen. Teeley complete the programme. Theatra Royal, Newcastle (081-232 2801), 7.30pm.

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described anachronistically as the first bishop. PLEGMUND (a) Plegarand was a hermit on an Island near Chester, called to the Wessex count by Alfred, whom he helped with his prose, including the Anglo-Saxon Chronicle. Choses Archbish in 890, he went to Rome for his palliam, and crowned Edward the Elder at Kingston.

(c) Eighth-century Scot who lived at Ogilvy (Forfarshire), married, had nine daughters, with whom, after his wife's death, he lived a religious life. Natural features known as the Nine Maidens are named after his girls.

WINNING MOVE By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent



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11.05 Kilroy. Robert Kilroy-Silk hosts a discussion on relationships with former spouses 11.45 Before Noon 12.00 News, regional news and weather 12.05 Travel Snow Extra. A report from Santander in Spain, and a mini-guide to the Gower Peninsular in south Wales 12.20 Scene Today 12.55 Regional News and weather

1.00 One O'Clock News with Philip Hayton, Weather 1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax)

1.50 Film: Going My Way (1944, b/w). Bing Crosby stars in the Oscar-winning tearjerker about an unorthodox young priest who wins over his grumpy superior (Barry Filzgerald) and a gang of street urchins Directed by Leo McCarey 3.50 Children's BBC: Bump. Cartoon

3.55 Corners. How frost makes patterns on windows 4.10 The Jetsons 4.35
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This is evident in the film's most famous

sequence, in which the Rodgers and

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marching soldiers and finally passed to the heroine (Jeannette MacDonald) at

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this Furitanian plot is only the peg for an outstanding Thirties musical 11.15 After Hours. An interview with

12.20 Chris Serie's Summer Season. The

1.35 Curry on ice (r) 2.00 News and weather, followed by 2.00

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Cheers star Ted Danson

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6.00 Six O'Clock News with Pater Sissons and Moira Stuart, Weather 6.30 Regional news magazines. Northern treland: Neighbours

7.00 Wogan. Among Terry's guests are 12-year-old MacAulay Culkin, star of the film Home Alone, and the blues singer Bertice Reading 7.30 Only Fools and Horses . . . John Sullivan's marvellous low-life comedy reaches the last episode of its

welcome re-run. Del Boy's (David Jason) dreams of wealth and social stature are shartered once again (r). (Ceelax) 8.00 Bruce Forsyth's Generation Game. For the last time in the present series, Bruce and Rosemane Ford invite couples to make fools of themselves and win the conveyor-belt prizes. (Ceetax)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. Regional News and weather 9.30 Casualty: A Reasonable Man. in the test of the current series of the intense hospital drama, the staff of Holby General discover a jealous man is a dangerous man. Staming Derek

Thomoson and Brenda Fricker. (Ceefax) 10.20 Omnibus: Benind the American CHOICE: An attempt to pin down the Madonna phenomenon is not helped

by the subject, filmed at her request in black and white and mouthing showbusiness clichés about wanting to be famous because she wanted to be loved. But the lady is clearly a bit of a tease and may be pulling our legs. The best part of Nadia Haggar's film is a Madonna seminar at Harvard where an earnest tutor analyses the eroticism of her belly button. To which the

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Steeplechase (2.55), and Coral Golden Hurdle (Oualifying Race) (3.30). Basketball, England take on the current World Champions Yugoslavia in

a European Championship match at the Albert Hall. Cricket. News from

international against New Zealand in Perth, Australia. Including at 3.00

News and weather, and at 3.50 News

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4.00 Catchword. Paul Cora hosts the

5.00 Downnill Struggle. Wheelchair bound Alan Petrigrew goes to

anagrammatic word game 4,30 Benind the Headlines

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Medonne: feminist or exhibitionist? (10,20pm)

monochrome star replies, in effect nuts. Madonna's voice drones out of a clutch of pop videos, while media pundits try to make sense of ner. An angle surprisingly not explored is why a dark-haired Italian-American with a Catholic upbringing should turn hersett into a WASP-ish blonda. But you can see why she has been claimed by the feminist movement. Sexually provocative she may be, but, as she says, "I'm in charge and I call the

11.25 Film: Blame It on Rio (1984). Weak sex-cornedy in which middle-aged Matthew (Michael Came) is seduced by his best friend's teenage daughter (Michelle Johnson) while on holiday in Rio de Janeiro. Her enraged father (Joseph Bologna) sets out with Matthew to kill his daughter's lover. Directed by Stanley Donen

1.00am Cricket: England v New Zealand. Richie Benaud presents highlights from the one-day

international for the World Series Cup,

9.00 Monty Python's Flying Circus, Classic British comedy (Ceetax)

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The life of scientist Sergei Korolev (9.30pm)

Switzerland with the Solent Ski Club 9.30 Horizon Special: Red Star in Orbit. for his first experience of the sport (r) CHOICE: A three-part senes on 5.30 Food and Drank Chris Kelly, Michael the Soviet space programme opens by renabilitating the man who more Barry and Jill Goolden present the good than any other was responsible for the 6.00 Film: Jubal (1956). When a kindly remarkable series of achievements rencher (Ernest Borgnine) hires drifter Jubal (Glenn Ford), his young wife from Sputnik to Laika the dog and Yuri Gagarin, During his lifetime, at the (Valene French) finds herself attracted istence of Krushchev, the idea to the new ranch hand. Then a Sergei Korolev was concealed from lealous cowboy (Rod Steiger) puts it to Borgnine that Ford has been doing a the Soviet public and only after his genth was his name orwanted. Mon a personal story than the scientific little rustling with French. Othello meets the wild west in this moody and treatise which normally appears under the Horizon banner, David powerful drama. Directed by Delmer Daves. Wales: A Way with Numbers; 6.25 España Viva; 6.50 A Vous La Francel; 7.15 Wales in Westminster Dugen's film is a gripping reconstruction which follows Korolev from his early career as a rocket 7.40 What the Papers Say 7.55 Prisoners of Conscience. Viscimir signer to hard labour under Stelln and e brilliant post-war career when he helped a backward country to lead the Ashkenezy with the first of two portraits 8.00 Public Eye: A Loss of Liberty — Who Protects the Patients' Rights? world in the exploration of space. Thanks, presumably, to glasnost, Dugan has tracked down an impressive list

The 1983 Montal Health Act is used of people who knew Korolev, including his write, mistress and colleagues 10.30 Newanight 11.15 Weather each year to detain some 13,000 people against their will. In spite of safeguarda designed to protect these 11.20 Prisoners of Conscience cetients, there are doubts about the alidity of some detentions 11.25 Your Move. The world's first 5.30 The Travel Show Guides: Southern California, Part One. The first of two eractive chase mutch. Grandmaster Jonathan Spealman puts his programmes explores Los Angeles and San Diego. (Cestas) reputation on the line against viewers phoning in their moves. Ends at 1.00sm

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12.05 Rainbow: Time. With Geoffrey Hayes and the gang 12.25 Home And Away 12.55 Thames

Many and weather 1.00 News at One with John Suchet. 1.20 A Problem Aired, Doctor John Cobb talks to viewers with emotional problems (r) 1.50 A Country Practice

Tharnes Action. Viv Taylor Gee and Jacqui King investigate consumer issues affecting Londoners 2.50 Talkabout. Quiz show hosted by Andrew O'Connor 3.15 News headlines 3.20 Tharmes News headings The Young Doctors

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3.55 Children's ITV: Paddington Bear
4.25 Utterly Brilliant: Magic. Timmy
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in half 4.45 Knightmara, Fantasy
adventure game with Hugo Myatt
5.10 Home And Away (r)
5.40 News at 5.40 with Sue Carpenter.

Weather 5.55 The Day: Of the Vasectomy. One

man's expenence

#### 6.00 6 O'Clock Live. The quarkier side of life in the South East, presented by Frank Bough, Jeni Barnett, Joanna

Sheldon and Danny Baker, Including LWT News and weather 7.00 Family Fortunes. Two more families compete in the quiz show hosted by Les

Dennis 7.30 Coronation Street. (Oracle) 8.00 Murder, She Wrote: Goodbye Charle. Thriler wnier Jessica Fletcher (Angeta Lansbury) gets involved in another murder and finds a pict for her letest book at the same time. An Unidentified man is found dead on a reported in the papers, three people come forward to claim the body.



Peter Howitt and James Purefoy (9.00pm) 9.00 Coasting: Another Fine Mess. The last in the senes of an enjoyable, if formulaic, drama staming Peter Howitt and James Purefoy as the London Baker Boys, escaping from their past by starting agean in Blackpool. Mike sets up an Italian restaurant with cousin Theresa (Sandy Hendrickse), and Eddie shows an

attractive American journalist around the Pleasure Beach. But, in spite of the joility of the annual Laurel and Hardy

Convention, there is a teeling of menace in the air 10.00 News at Ten with Sandy Gall and Julia Somerville, Weather 10.35 LWT

News and weather 10.40 The London Programme, Trevor Prolips looks at how the recession is affecting London and the South East 11.10 Jake and the Fatman: Wish You Were Here. A feature length episode of

the American crime series starring William Conrad as the overweight District Attorney and Joe Penny as his sidekick Jake Jake's Hawaiian holicay turns into a nightmare when he is tramed for murger. Can Fatman McCabe, looking for a retirement

Dickie Davies visits some of Thailand's gott courses, including the Royal Bankgkok Gott Club, and David Leadbetter offers more tips on

outspoken James Whale invites more tive and chaotic conversation on controversial issues

2.05 Cinum/kmachions 2.35 Ten Pin Bowling, Coverage of the women's play in the 1990 Livingstone UK Open Championships from

a mass murderer. No doubt his after ego (Lou Ferngno) will come to the 4.30 Throb: Something Extra. American

Ends at 6.00

#### **CHANNEL 4**

6.00 The Art of Landscape. Music to accompany scenes of the natural world 6.20 Business Daily 6.30 The Channel Four Daily

9.25 Another Island. An insh documentary about the ruggedly beautiful Blasket Islands off the Kerry coast. Until their evacuation in 1953, the islands were a source of interest to scholars because the inhabitants maintained the Insh language as their everyday speech (r) 11.45 Two Snalls. Cartoon from Poland 12.00 The Parliament Programme.

Presented by Sue Cameron 12.30 Business Daily, Business and Ivancal rows service 1.00 Seame Street

2.00 Pet World. Vet John Wilson examines the working life of a sheepdog, how hedgehogs are hand-reared, and the emotional bond between people and their pets 2.30 Film: When Ladles Meet (1941, b/w). Robert Z. Leonard's polished

comedy of menners is a strongly cost remake of the 1933 film of the same name. Robert Taylor arranges a meeting between Joan Crawford, the novelist he loves, and Greer Garson, the wife of publisher Herbert Marshall, whom Crawford loves 4.30 Fifteen-to-One, William G. Stewart

fires the questions at enother 15 contestants in the tough quiz show 5.00 Not on Sunday. Ronald Eyra presents the programme examining the ways in which religion affects people's lives. Children explore their personel sprituality in therapy classes led by a 13-year-old, Irish priest, Fether Pat Buckley, speaks out ogened the increasing conservation of

the Roman Catholic church, And the Rev Geoff Mann dons his cassock and grabs his guitar to demonstrate the new rock of ages. Reporters Sue Jay and Theo Sowa 5.30 American Football: Red 42. Mick

Luckhurst and Gary Imlach take time out to present news, interviews and action from the NFL

6.00 Happy Days: The Graduation, Part One. American comedy series about high-school life in the Fiftes. Fonzie (Henry Winkler) plans to graduate with his buddies, and has been studying at night school in secret 6.30 Tonight with Jonathan Ross, Ross induiges in verbal jousting with Frank Marshall, the director of the new film,

Arachnophobia, and the American comedience Rife Rudner 7.00 Charmel 4 News, Weather 7.50 First Reaction, Advertising executive Winston Fletcher as

the government's latest television direk driving campaign, which the IBA will not allow to be transmitted before 9pm

8.00 Brookside. Merseyeide scap set in a Liverpool close. (Teletext) 8.30 Hard News. The abrasive media show reports on the Daily Mirror's recent health page story on insulin, and the results of a survey by a firm of occupational psychologists on the different characteristics which belong to

the readers of particular newspapers 9.00 Drop the Dead Donkey. The sparky television newsroom comedy continue its speedy rerun with an episode first shown on September 30. George (Jeff Rawie) ruminates over ethical problems and does his picer no favours. while Gus (Robert Duncan) reveals that his fundamentally repellent personality is more than just skin

Green Wheel. This week a programme traces the contributions of botanist adventurers back to the sailing of The Bounty under Captain Bligh, when they travelled in search of new foods for a far-flung Empire. The world's vegetation is a source of fuel, fibre and medicines for the developing world, and a recent Kew study has found a nlant-based chemical which may be ffective against the Aids virus. (Telefext)

Yesterday. The last in the spoof comedy series with Tony Slattery as a lough investigative reporter. The Sincere Repentist Church demands not just faith and devotion from its followers but money, clothes, and n where it's not wanted

the Coronetion Street nostalge, and the Pet Shop Boys give a rare interview 12.00 Dencedaze. Dence, hip-hop and rap acts, tive at Brixton Academy, London

with a discourse on motherly love signing Anne Gwynne as the mother of a teenage boy (Gilbert Perkins), who is hit by a meteor and is turned into a rampaging bloodthirsty monster. Lacques Marquette directs. Ends 2.15

Video Show 6.00 Home And Away 6.25-7.00 Angle News 10.40 Cross Question 11.35 Pool 12.05am Afred Hitchcock Presents 12.35-1.05 Video View 2.05 Ten Pri Bowling 2.35 in the Heat of the Night 2.30 America's Top Ten 4.00-5.00 American College Enabled

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5.00 Mainly for Pleasure 6.30 The Music Maker lan Carr examines the relationship

7.00 News 7.05 Third Ear: Dr Alan Borg,

between Amencan trumpetal

between American trumpeter Milen Danis and the saxophonist John Coltrane, which listed from 1965 to 1960. They worked together with saxophonist Cannonball Adderley and drummer Philly Joe Jones. Third of eight

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University, Jerusalem, and artist Glenn Sulo

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Doktor Faust): 8.25-8.45 Jon
Sillun, 60 this month, reads his
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(Symphony No 7 in A)

9.40 The Courtier, The Prince and The Lady: A Knight's Tale • CHOICE: Michelene

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and politics as four people, two of them former lovers.

converse in the prince's palace. Passions use to

danger point but formal

MUSIC accompanies an elegant text spoken by Fiona Shaw and Philip Sully as the

courtier.

10.20 Arranged by the Composer:
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(Rapsodie espagnole); Richard
McMahon and Martin Jones.

panos 11.10 A Celebrity Norman Rodway

reads a third short story by Machado de Assas

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11.30 Composers ol fine Week:
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Overture; A Song for the Lord
Mayor's Table; All this Time;
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1.00-3.10em Night School (FM only)

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reasserts itself, the lovers part and life resumes "An

excellent evening's sport," the prince declares. Authentic

lovers, John Rowe the prince and John Shrapnel the

7.30 BBC Symphony Orchestra 60th Anniversary Season: live from the Festival Half, London

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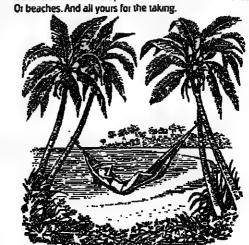
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8.55am Weather and News Headines
7.00 Morning Concert: Schubert
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under Sir Thomas Beacham 7.30em News 7.35 Morning Concert: (Continuing with the RPO): Sibelius

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Beroff, pieno 9.35 Morning Sequence: Judy Kaye, soprano, William Sherp, baritone, and Steven Blier, piano, perform songs by Gershwin, interspersed with: Schubert (Quartet in A minor, D 804. Alban Berg Quartet), Beethoven (Piano Sonata in E flat, Op 31 No 3: Richard Goode); Stravinsky (Concerto in D: Guildhall Sinng Ensemble); Schumann (Tocata, Op 7. François-René Duchéole, prano), Mozart (Gran Pantia, Serenade in B flat, K. 361 Soloists of the Chamber Orchestra of Europe) 12.00 BBC Scottish Symphony

Orchestra under Jerzy Maksymuk performs Tcharkovsky (Rococo Variations: Alexander Baillie, сево); Beethoven (Symphony 1.00pm News 1.05 Chamber Music from Manchester Lindsay String Quartet with Peter Frankl, piano, perlorms Dvorak Romance from Quartet, Op 9,

2nd movement); Brahms (Pisno Quintet, Op 34) 2.00 Opera News with James Vaughte (r) 245 Mining the Archive: French bantone Gerard Souzay sings Lully, Gounad, Faure, Brahms, Wolf and Debussy, accompanied by Dallon Baldwin 3.15-3.24 Souzey alks to John Amus about

Poulenc, Pierre Bertisc operatic roles and his early 3.55 Berin Oboe Quartet perform Mozart (Oboe Quartet in F. K. 370), Britten (Phentasy, Op 2), Coin Matthews (Oboe Quartet No 2), Dohnany: (Serenade in C for string tho.

As London except: 1.20pm-1.80 Yan Can Cook 3.25-3.55 Sons and Despiters 6.00 HTV News 6.30-7.00 HTV Sportsweek 10.40 The 1990 South Word International Business Awards 11.40 Beauty and the Description 12.35mm-1.05 Commitmentions 2.05 Film: The Winged Serpent 3.45 Grend Cle Opry Live 4.15 Comics, The Ninth Art 4.45-3.00 Jubinder

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John Humphrys and Sue
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Four halks in whosh David
Been traverses the island in
the footsteps of
D.H. Lawrence
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10.00 News: Special Assignment 10.30 Morning Story: The Least of These by lain MacDonald

12.25pm The Food Programme:Shella Dillon discovers that some of the UK's finest food is Welsh (s)

12.55 Weather 1.00 The World at One presented

by Nick Clarks 1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast

2.00 News: Woman's Hour, Today's programme from Birmingham programme from Birmingham begins with a discussion on the enormous increase of baby books on the market; a

Christmes feature on carving

the Sunday joint; a feeture on

women snooker players, with Karen Corr, the ladies

champion; and ends with an interview with Fay Goodman,

Forsyte Chronicles. A 23-part

Galsworthy's classic novels, narrated by Dirk Bogarde, Part 10: Passions run high when Fleur, now married to Michael,

meets poet Willred Desert (s)

hosts a fast-moving chat show

programme includes a feature on a new book, Classical

Architecture, about architect Robert Adam; a review of

Possible Worlds, an exhibition

of European sculpture at the Serpentine Gallery, London;

an interview with musician and composer Brain Eno; and a feature on Charles Jennons,

(r) 4.00 News 4.05 Tea Junction: Patrick Hennan

with three guests

4.30 Kaleidoscope: Today's

expert on small businesses.

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10.45 Daily Service (s) 11.00 News; Friday Lives (s) 12.00 News; You and Yours

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RADIO 4

Dirk Bogarde narrates (3.00pm) the atheist who wrote the bretto for Handel's Me 5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast

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9.15 Kaleidoscope: The evening Docklands This will be followed by a discussion on architecture with Barry Lewis Jonathan Glancey and Neal Morris (s)

Party"
11.00 Week Ending: satincal review
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even hair. David Harper sticks his nose 11.00 The Word. Presented by Amanda de Cadanet and Terry Christian, Beautiful South perform their new single, and Jamaican reggae band Shabba Ranks perform live. Chris Quentin joins in

1.00am Film: Teenage Monster (1958, b/w). The Killer Bs season continues

THE POWER STATION Vis the Marcopolo satellies.
 7.00em Twenty-one hours of music SHOPS are playing a cat and mouse game about their plans to open on Sundays in the run-up to Christmas. Many customers will find their local stores open this

Sunday in spite of their head

offices officially stating that they

will remain closed.

Sunday trading presents shops with a dilemma. They do not want to be seen to be breaking the law, but the fines can be so small set against a day's turnover that, for many, it is an option that cannot be ignored, particularly with this year's sharp downturn in sales.

Retailers' difficulties in the current economic downturn were underlined yesterday by new figures from the CBI showing that retail sales came to a virtual standstill last month, and employment in retailing — previously a growth sector for jobs — showed its first fall.

The results of the monthly Confederation of British Industry/Financial Times distributive trades survey confirm the dramatic slump which has hit the retailing sector as a result of the squeeze on demand enforced by the government's high interest rate policy and the consequent decline in consumer spending. Nixel Whittaker, chairman of the CBI's distributive trades panel, said sales growth in retailing was at its lowest since the survey began more than seven years ago.

In the High Street, many big shops were cagey yesterday about their plans. The head office of Woolworths refused to say



Early rush: Christmas shoppers inching their way through the Oxford Street pedestrian lanes yesterday

whether they would open this Sunday. But a number of their shop managers told The Times they would certainly be open for business for the three Sundays

Simon De Mille, marketing director of the Ratners Group, said his staff would man the shops on Sundays to arrange the jewellery for the forthcoming week. If customers happened to pass by then they might be able to

David Blackmore, operations director of the Keep Sunday Special group, said he sympathised with the dilemma shops faced in the deep recession. "But we cannot condone illegal action which is unfair to law abiding stores and staff who need their Sundays free to prepare for Christmas."He has helped to organise a meeting in London today of the local authorities' Sunday trading enforcement committee. This will consider taking personal

A spokeswoman for a large chain store said while some coun-

prosecutions against the directors

cils turned a blind eye to Sunday trading others, such as Stoke and Norwich, were vigorous in their opposition. That meant her company was keeping quiet and the decision to open would depend on the local councils.

Sir Terence Conran, who led the Open Shop campaign to reform the Sunday trading laws, was one of the few to admit that his store in Cheisea would be opening on Sunday. He said "It might be illegal but nobody is forcing customers to shop on Sunday and if my staff don't want to work that

He accused the anti-Sunday trading lobby of double standards as some bishops let their cathedral shops remain open on Sundays His shop would open for the convenience of customers and not because of the recession as busi ness was up by 20 per cent on las

The issue is just one ploy shop have been forced to adopt in an unprecedented drive to cope with the effects of the recession.

Sales standstill, page 25

STEPHEN MARKESOI

Political sketch

# Clichés fit to bowl a maiden over

"THAT'S the way, dear."
Thus, yesterday, did a Tory backbencher (I will not name him, being only 99 per cent sure of his identity) hail Mrs Gillian Shephard's first dispatch box reply as a treasury minister.

May I say how delightful it is to see her - there because of her ability and not her gender," was what Derek Conway (C. Shrewsbury & Atcham) sup-posed a less condescending greeting.
Nobody has yet said that she

is an ornament to her office, as pretty as she is clever, a doughty little woman or a very capable lady. But they will, Beneath Mrs Shephard's

habitnal courtesy, a flash of disdam was almost visible. "I'm not sure whether to thank my hon friend," she said, as mildly as she could.

What idiots we men must look, to women! Why do they so seldom tell us so? Politicians, particularly male ones, seem to inhabit a stale, comfortable, world of stale, comfortable, attitudes, unrefreshed since the nursery by exposure to new thoughts; untroubled by any questioning of old ones; un-touched by intellectual curiosity, and as blind to the world around them and the figure they cut in it as men in brown paper bags. It is wrong to see them as self-regarding or unkind, for they are unwitting and moved only by habit. They mean well, so far as they are capable of meaning anything, which mostly they are not.

As proof of the walking cliches our politicians become take a look at the way in which verbal cliches spread, upon the slightest contagion, like whooping-cough through their prose. When the word "massive" staged a minor comeback in popular journalism some years ago, parliamentary discourse soon contained no cut, no se, no change of any sort,

Within days of "hidden agendas" appeared in the columns of Sunday newspapers, hidden agendas surfaced on every page of Hansard. Just at present there are no opportunities at all in political and economic life, only "windows of opportunity."

trade and industry minister contained more "playing fields" - level, sloping, flat and bumpy - than Hackney Marshes.

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MPs do not even know that they are using metaphors, images or figures of speech. They think these are just the ordinary words for things, and employ them with casual disregard. They no longer remember, if they ever did, why dervishes whirl, avenues are explored, stones are left unturned or a week is a long time in politics. So when Michael Lord (C. Suffolk Central), who was ask-

ing the prime minister to give more money to haemophili with the Aids virus, invited Mr Major to "earn the undying gratitude" of the victims, there was no irony, conscious or unconscious, and certainly no black humour intended. It is just that, at Westminster, "gratitude" would no more be found unaccompanied by "undying," than you would be grateful" without being "cternally" so - or would "monetarism" be anything but "rigid".
Nobody laughed, thank God.

I digress from Mrs Shephard. She and David Mellor (the new Chief Secretary), join John Ma-ples and Francis Maude on the treasury bench.

Maples is smooth and Maude dry; you might call them the oil and vinegar of the treasury team. Mrs Shephard now adds a touch of pepper. As for David Mellor, he made a very flashy debut at treasury questions yesterday and looks set to become the Kraft Thousand Island Dressing of the combo. "But that's okay," he said, after correcting Gerry Steinberg (Lab, Durham): "just showing I

All are just garnishes to main course: Norman Lamont, the new chancellor. Yesterday he was brisk, brusque and crisp. He made no comment on a thought from Tony Favell (C, Stockport), that monetary union could only be achieved by the "simultaneous erections" economic government. Nobody laughed, thank God.

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**MATTHEW PARRIS** 

#### Winter takes a grip with worse to come this week By RAY CLANCY

THREE people died in motorway crashes and hundreds of air passengers were delayed as flights were diverted from fog-bound airports when some of the worst weather of the winter hit parts of

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Britain yesterday.

As the freezing fog, thought to be the worst so far this year, cleared, weathermen issued a warning that storm force winds would sweep across from the Arctic Ocean today bringing bitterly cold weather, including severe gales and blizzards over high ground, in the evening.

Nine people were injured and one man died in a crash in thick fog on the M6 near Wigan, Greater Manchester, late on Wedensday night. A few hours later, in the early hours of yesterday, another two people died in a crash on the same motorway near Lancaster, but police said the accident was not caused by the fog.

On other roads, visiblity was down to less than 50 metres in some places and AA Roadwatch described the conditions as the

The Duke of Edinburgh was one

of many airline passengers delayed by freezing fog at Heathrow, Gatwick and Stansted airports. He was 15 minutes late for a meeting with Ronald Reagan, the former president of the United States, at Buckingham Palace because his flight from Australia to Heathrow

was diverted to Luton. Visibility on the main runway at Heathrow was reduced to less than 200 metres, and 11 long-haul flights were diverted to other destinations including Glasgow Frankfurt, Manchester and

A number of internal flights by aircraft not fitted with fully automatic landing systems were

At Gatwick, five incoming flights were diverted to Man-Stansted a flight from Dijon in France was diverted to Luton. The fog defied expectations and

did not remm as darkness fell last night. Driving conditions for motorists returning home were normal, AA Roadwatch said, and flights from airports around London got away on time.

## Saddam agrees hostages can return home for Christmas

invasion levels in volatile trading. In London, January Brent touched a low of \$25.45 before recovering to \$26.55. New York opened \$1.24 down at \$26.05 and slipped to \$25.25 but rallied to \$26. Petrol prices are expected to fall by Sp a gallon. The FT-SE 100 index, at one stage rose more than 35 points and closed at 2,177.5, nearly 25

John Major said he very much welcomed President Saddam's announcement. "It will be wonderful news for the hostages themselves and their families who have endured so much," he said. "It is something we have always pressed for from the beginning and this would implement just Council resolutions. Saddam Hussein still has to withdraw totally and unconditionally from Kuwait and the legitimate government must be restored." Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, echoed those sentiments in the Commons. We will do everything in our power to help those concerned to get home

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By Philly House

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Kaufman, the shadow foreign secretary, said: "We share in the rejoicing of the families of the hostages." It was Iraq's first positive response to the UN demands and raised the possibility of talks between the US and Iraq

Sources in Whitehall said that depending on the facilities provided by the Iraqi authorities, all the captives could be evacuated on four jumbo jets by Christmas. British Airways and Richard Branson's Virgin Atlantic airline both had aircraft standing by to bring people home. Andy Charles, of the Gulf Support Group, pointed out, however, that "severe would take some time to get hostages out, even if they were freed immediately. "It's going to take a long time to fly people out and it's going to take a long time to persuade people in hiding that it is safe to come out," he said. "We are cautiously optimistic and cau-tiously delighted, but we've had a

the past which have not borne fruit." Linda Grant, whose husband is a member of a trapped British Airways crew, was ecstatic. "I have been in tears all morning. I just hope it is true. If Saddam Hussein was here at this minute, I would kiss him."

# Farm deal unlocks door to Gatt accord

compromise on farming. Ray MacSharry, the agriculture commissioner, said he was ready to go beyond what Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, and President Mitterrand of France had urged at their meeting in Paris on Wednesday.

Rattled by the prospect of failure being laid at their door, the ministers decided that they could no longer tie EC negotiators' hands so tightly.

No figures for new EC cuts in export subsidies have yet been agreed. Mr Helstrom last night produced a compromise which he

said went beyond the EC's offer but still fell short of American demands for 90 per cent

European farmers, already up in arms over the Commission's proposed 30 per cent cut in overall support, could be devastated by any deal that exposes them to even fiercer competition at home and

Within minutes of the breakthrough in the late afternoon, the tension lifted, "The US is being more realistic about the way forward," said Mr Gummer. Frans Andriessen, the EC foreign trade commissioner and chief

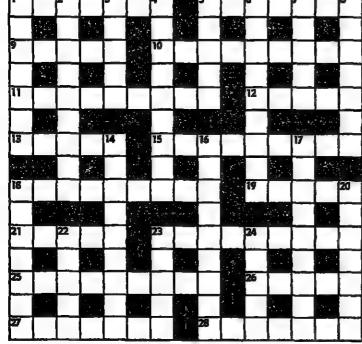
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negotiator, was said to be in an excellent mood. "It's going exactly the way we would like it to be going," his spokesman said.

America made a key concession in opening up the £400 billion global market in services, agreeing to give all nations equal access to its huge market if others did the same, and keeping to a minimum the number of protected sectors such as public transport.

The fate of the Uruguay round still hung in the balance last night. But as the chief Gatt spokesman said: "The message is clear. Things are beginning to move. Ministers want to negotiate."

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22 Lesser fowl no longer about (5). 23 Leader of team, a physicist with-Health lasurance 70 Redcliffe Street, Bristol BS1 6LS. Tel: 0272 257257- Fax: 0272 225383. WEATHER

Southern England will have a bright, frosty start with cloud and rain spreading to southeastern parts from Wales and the rest of England. Clearer, showery weather will spread from Scotland and Northern Ireland later. The showers will turn to snow in parts of Scotland. It will be cold and windy everywhere. Outlook: Cold with sunshine, showers and some snow, especially in the north.

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BUSINESS

**Executive Editor David Brewerton** 

FRIDAY DECEMBER 7 1990

# Iraqi promise cuts price of oil to \$26

HOPES that the Gulf London, said: "The immedimenths should start to reflect levels of August, when prospect of peace." Iraq invaded Kuwait.

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A promise by President Saddam Hussein to release all western hostages pushed oil below \$26 a barrel in volatile trading. In London, January Brent touched a low of \$25.45 before recovering to \$26.55. New York opened \$1.24 down at \$26.05 and slipped to \$25.25 but rallied to \$26.

Lawrence Eagles, an analyst

tension might be resolved ate reaction was to sell the without a war sent oil market sharply. Traders are going to be no war. prices tumbling to the getting very excited about the

the fundamentals if there is

Prices have declined 21 per

cent in the last five working

hopes, a substantial increase

in Opec production and falling

energy demand from indus-

Growing hopes that a peace-ful solution to the conflict can

be achieved saw the FT-SE

100 index come within ten

points of the 2,200 level,

before closing below its best as

share prices in New York failed to hold on to early gains.

The index ended 24.9 points

The prospect of a sharp drop in oil revenues left shares

in the leading oil companies lower. BP fell 9p to 330p, Enterprise Oil, 20p to 614p

and Lasmo 18p to 395p. Government securities finished the session sporting gains of almost £1 at the

longer end. Falling oil prices are expected to result in lower

fuel costs and should help

reduce the rate of inflation.

They may also speed up a cut

Turnover in the equity mar-

ket rose to 559 million shares,

inflated by a large number of bed and breakfast deals de-signed to establish a tax loss.

But dealers complained of

little real follow through from

the institutions, which seem to

be concentrating on next week's electricity flotation.

Opec is due to meet in

Vienna on December 12,

when members are expected

to discuss how production will

be curtailed to accommodate

Iraq and Kuwait once the embargo is lifted. Analysts

believe many producers, in-

cluding cash-starved Iraq, will resist substantial reductions of

their oficial quotas, resulting in an oil glut just as the West

will be seeking to reduce its unusually high stocks.

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higher at 2,177.5.

The sudden fall left prices just \$5 above the levels before Iraq invaded Kuwait on August 2. Product prices have also fallen sharply and a fresh round of petrol price cuts is

expected. Some analysts believe prices have almost shed the crisis premium. An American trader preparing for the New York futures market opening Lawrence Eagles, an analyst said: The war premium is with GNI Commodities in disappearing. The back

same as in November.

**Expectations for November** 

proved to be out of line with

reported sales, which showed

a balance of 1 per cent - the

Retailers reported poor

sales for the time of year with

only mail order companies

showing sales up on a year

ago. Retailers expect their

overall business position to

deteriorate over the next three

months, with a balance of -9

per cent not only the first fall

The survey also shows that

23 per cent in August.

Motor trading shows its

biggest fall in jobs for six

years, at a balance of -31 per

cent. Stocks held by motor

traders are at their highest.

balance of -7 per cent is better

than -33 per cent for October.

a worsening of their business

position in the first fall in

expected capital expenditure

Mr Whittaker said the sur-

Doug Henderson, Labour's

trade and industry spokes-

man, said the survey showed

cycle - there is a recession

that is deepening every day."

CITY EDITOR

vey showed things were

rough, but not terminal".

is also the lowest on record.

Distributors are forecasting

'Virtual standstill in retail sales'

By PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

RETAIL sales came to a sales in December, with the virtual standstill last month, balance of the volume of sales and employment in retailing -- the difference between expectations of falling and rising sales - projected at 21 per cent for December, the previously a growth sector showed its first-ever fall.

But retail leaders said that sales in the Christmas period had now started, and reported some confidence about the outlook for Christmas trade. The monthly Confederation

of British Industry/Financial Times distributive trades survey confirms the dramatic slump that has hit retailing because of the squeeze on demand enforced by the government's high interest rate policy and the consequent fall

in consumer spending.
Nigel Whittaker, chairman of the CBI's distributive in confidence for a year, but trades panel, admitted that also the lowest on record. sales growth in retailing was survey began more than seven now declining. The balance of years ago, but based on anec--4 per cent on reported employment is the first negdotal reports at the panel meeting he said: "Christmas ative figure on record, and has now started," and it was fewer jobs are expected in the

on track so far months ahead. Part-time jobs However, the survey shows alid steeply to 3 per cent only a flat expectation about November from a balance of

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# GrandMet laughs all the way to £919m



Recession? what recession?: Sir Allen Sheppard, right, jokes with David Nash, finance director, before the GrandMet meeting yesterday

GRAND Metropolitan, the food, drinks and retailing combine, braved increasingly difficult trading conditions as the recession bit to raise its pre-tax profits by £187 million, or almost 26 per cent, to £919 million in the year to end-September, writes Martin Waller.

Sir Allen Sheppard, the chairman, pledged further earnings growth in the current year despite hard times ahead. "It's raining pretty hard out there. There's a recession going on, but so far it's not showing in our businesses," he

A final dividend of 12.8p makes a total of 20.4p, up from 17.75p. Earnings per share rose from 55.6p to

Earnings growth this year would be held back by economic conditions, the effect of the continuing high dollar, fewer property disposals and an increased tax charge, he said. Although the company hedges by having all its borrowings in dollars, every five cents rise in the pound's value takes £10 million off profits.

Trading profits went over the £1 billion mark for the first time to £1,082 million against £967 million. Property profits were little change: but interest charges slipped from £280 million to £239 million. Interest cover

on GrandMet's debt, once of great concern to the City, therefore rose from 3.6 times to 4.8 times.

GrandMet, which reckons about 10

per cent of its shares are held overseas, plans an American listing in March. The group is going through a period of consolidation, said Sir Allen, but it still has two pieces of unfinished business. One is the public houses-forbreweries swap with Courage, which was finally cleared by Peter Lilley, the trade secretary, last month.

Negotiations are now being completed with Courage, which is owned by Elders IXL, the debt-laden Australian conglomerate, and there is a

target date for completion during February.

GrandMet is also locked in dispute with Brent Walker Group, chaired by the embattled George Walker, over the latter's purchase of the William Hill betting shop chain last year. GrandMet is suing for £50 million it says it is still owed and the case should be heard at the end of January.

"To use a technical accounting term, the submission they have made to us is plain wrong," said Sir Allen, "I described it to George Walker in slightly more colourful language."

falls by 32%

YJ Lovell profit

lion for Higgs & Hill this year.

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# Lloyd's backs new reinsurance arm

leaving the insurance market, has given the go-ahead to the urgent formation of a new reinsurance arm to tackle the problem of open years.

markets. A drop of more than \$2 from the oil price was more than haived by noon, when West Texas Crude for delivery names, members whose per-While wholesalers' sales remained below 1989 levels, the cents at \$26.30. It has fallen more than 20 per cent since Oil traders reported near panic conditions. But the oil futures market did not have to confidence for a year. The implement contingency plans balance of -29 per cent for to halt trading if chaos threat-

ened the market. Oil shares such as BP, Chevron and Texaco gave up as much as a \$1 and could have further to fall. Most analysts forecast the price of crude to stabilise in the low to middle \$20s. At its peak, oil clearly there was "more than a hit \$41 a barrel. Meanwhile, shallow dip in the economic the dollar remained nervous, falling almost 11/2 cents against the pound to \$1.9403.

The innovation will allow

sonal wealth backs underwriting syndicates, to buy individual reinsurance for their part of a syndicate's liabilities if a managing agent is unable to accept premiums quoted for the whole synabove a syndicate's reserves, members could face "signifi- to safeguard against the liabilcant" cash calls.

The decision by the marbiggest single insurance group more exponent.

insurance syndicates, which are formed for one year at a

time, cannot close their accounts for a given year if the level of pay-outs is uncertain. American court judgments

in aspestos and pollutionrelated cases have left the groups of names facing huge losses over claims current and future, making it difficult, sometimes impossible, to find successor syndicates.

Names have quit the market dicate. If premiums are set in large numbers, but the system has not allowed them ities of open years.

About 2,000 more names ket's ruling council to set up are expected to leave this year, the new company coincides after 2,300 last year. But with the election of David Lloyd's still has 26,500 active Coleridge as chairman. Sturge members, and about 7,000 Holdings, his company, is the have indicated that they want

Alan Lord, Lloyd's chief As the first chairman from a executive, said the reinsurquoted company, he is ex- ance company was "not a

Trading profit in Britain

Comment, page 27

was a record £579 million, 19

By Colin Narbrough

pected to apply a tougher, quick fix, a soft option, or ment and is not expected to more commercial approach to reversing the market's decline.

Y J LOVELL, the property and construction group that the end of 1989 the number of the third quarter of next year. open years was 92, involving 49 per cent of members.

He said the liabilities involved would be less than £1 billion, but the reinsurance company would give priority to syndicates "with no homes to go to". This covers about two-thirds of the open years. The company, yet to be named, will offer run-off

reinsurance at "realistic, commercial" premiums. It still requires formal ap-

The company's initial capital will be backed with a bond issued by the Lloyd's society.
The Lloyd's authorities

have earlier agreed to increase the central fund, which will back the new company, to £1 billion by the mid-Nineties from the present £420 million. Robin Jackson, a director a

Merrett Holdings, winner of a controversial dispute over the repudiation of a reinsurance contract, will be the new proval from the trade depart- company's first chairman.

has reported pre-tax profits down 32 per cent to £19.9 million. An unchanged final dividend of 6.75p makes 8.95p

(8.75p). This required £2.2 million from reserves, after losses, which were largely linked to the company's withdrawai from urban regeneration, reduced attributable profits to £3 million. Tempus, page 27



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ing Herald, Brian Burke, the former state premier who conceived WA Inc and is

The Rothwells scandal runs deeper.

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HANSON, the Anglo-American industrial conglomerate, reported a 27th successive year of increased profits, dividends and earnings per share and gave notice that further substantial acquisitions are on "We continue to be expan-

From Robert Cockburn

IN SYDNEY

ALAN Bond, the fallen icon of Austra-

lian success, is being revised out of

political and business archives with the

kind of haste that would make Stalin

blush. For weeks, those in the know have

been supping cold beers, many brewed

by one of Mr Bond's old companies, and

taking bets on the fate of the last tycoon

Mr Bond was arrested yesterday in

Perth on a fraud charge in an enquiry

that is rocking public life in Western

Australia and netting some of the most

famous names of the brash Aussie

Eighties. For most Australians, Bond's

demise outside Perth police station

marked the formal end to the decade. A

parking space was reserved for his

Mercedes in a reverential process known

as "arrest by appointment" for the

procession of millionaires facing trial.

But, once inside, the man who made

in Australia's corporate dream.

Hanson signals further expansion number of acquisition the year of 10.4p, a rise of 22 said the refusal to use junk opportunities," said Lord per cent. bonds to justify inflated prices

hion for the year to end-

Group profits at £1.26 bil-

September were 21 per cent ahead though at the lower end of City expectations. Fully diluted earnings per share grew 8 per cent to 19.9p balances and borrowing capability mean that we have the per cent loan stock. The final £3 billion. resources. We shall un- dividend was 7.4p as forecast, Sir Gordon White, chair-

After financing the £653 for acquisitions had proved million purchase of Peabody, sound. Even in difficult eco-

the largest American coal nomic circumstances, 20 Hanproducer, cash balances at the son Industries subsidiaries year end were £6.9 billion, reported record profits. leaving the group with no net borrowings. Hanson Industries, the group's American per cent up on last time, on despite a substantial increase arm raised profit 18 per cent sales of £4.1 billion against sion minded. Our large cash in the equity base following to £416 million (£352 million) £3.6 billion despite Hanson's on sales £300 million higher at exposure to the building and

doubtedly find an increasing making a total payment for man of Hanson Industries,

construction sectors. De-Bonding Australia's fallen idol

> two-hour grilling by detectives. Australians, paying the price for corporate overspending, have little sympathy. Angry shareholders of Mr Bond's former subsidiary, Bell Resources, yesterday voted to change the group's name to Australian Consolidated investments. Geoff Hill, chairman, said it was part of the group's "de-Bonding". Others are finding it difficult to "de-Bond".

Once feted as an Australian hero by his "good mates", Bob Hawke, the Labour prime minister, and Paul Keating, the treasurer, the official line on Mr Bond and other corporate failures, such as Christopher Scase and John Elliott, is one of disapproval. With the country gripped by recession, Mr Hawke and Labour are trying to forget the black-tie parties where they were photographed rubbing shoulders with the rich. But the

nation's picture editors have not Mr Bond was charged under the securities code over the collapse of the

million in a group that was technically dead. Mr Bond denied the charge. The rescue movement included the Labour administration in Western Australia, which having lost a fortune in corporate investments was dubbed WA Inc. Carmen Lawrence, the state premier, has announced a royal commission to investigate WA Inc dealings. In an imperious editorial in the Sydney Morn-

(£40,000). He appears in court again

today. The charges relate to alleged

attempts to rescue the bank in 1987. Mr

Bond is accused of giving the bank

\$Aus 17.5 million to woo other rescuers.

He is charged with taking a fee of

\$Aus 16 million and inducing Brian

Coffin, a businessman, to invest \$Aus 6

now ambassador to Ireland and the Holy See, demanded that the federal government recall him, prompting the paper to

**BUSINESS ROUNDUP** 

Turnover advances

25% at Euromoney

EUROMONEY Publications, the financial publisher headed

by Sir Patrick Sergeant, former city editor of the Daily Mail

unveiled pre-tax profits ahead 18 per cent to £8.82 million

(£7.4 million) in the year to end-September. Turnover increased 25 per cent to £34 million. Euromoney, the flagship magazine that accounts for about a fifth of business, suffered from the worldwide fall in financial advertising, although

Advertising revenue declined by about 15 per cent. The

company said that spending on advertising and promotion

generally is down and looks like falling further. Earnings per share rose 16 per cent from 24.02p to 27.9p. The final dividend is lifted to 12p (10.5p), making an increased total of

18.5p (16p) for the year. The shares firmed 5p to 341p.

revenues from surveys were at record levels.

# NCR ready to fight \$6.4bn bid from AT&T

NCR Corporation, America's fifth largest computer maker, is drawing up plans to fight a \$90 a share hostile takeover bid from American Telephone & Telegraph, the telecom-

munications group.

NCR has dismissed the offer as grossly inadequate, but says it will negotiate at \$125 a share, a price which AT&T describes as "outrageous and totally unjustified".

Under the terms of the current cash bid, AT&T could pay up to \$6.4 billion for NCR, the world leader in electronic cash machines for banks and supermarkets. At

**Pilkington** 

slides

to £103m

By GRAHAM SEARJEANT

FINANCIAL EDITOR

DISASTROUS market condi-

tions in South America and

Australasia pulled Pilking-ton's pre-tax profits down 30 per cent to £103 million in the

six months to September, although combined profits from German, American and Brit-

ish flat and safety glass opera-

tions dipped only modestly.

The glass group has main-

tained its interim dividend at

2.93p per share, however, and l

Sir Antony Pilkington, the

chairman, made it clear he

intends to maintain the final

dividend even if it has to be

paid from reserves. "We have

never reduced the dividend,"

Pilkington made small

losses at its British insulation

business, which, like glass,

depends heavily on the hous-

NCR, founded in Liverpool in 1885. employs 1,300 people at its factory at Kingsway West in Dundee, Tayside, and is building more engineering and manufacturing plants at Dunfermline in Fife. The group employs 3,500 staff through-

ut Europe. Wall Street analysts say that if NCR is to mount a serious defence it has only three main options: to find an alternative merger partner, raise the cash to take NCR private or make a special large dividend payment to shareholders.

NCR has lowered the point at which its poison pill defence would cent of the company, NCR investors would have the right to buy cheap shares designed to make any bid too

expensive for a predator. Charles Exley, NCR's chairman, has threatened to resign if the AT&T bid successis

in a letter to Robert Allen, the chairman of AT&T, Mr Exley said: "If you cannot offer NCR olders this fair value [of \$125 a share] we will use every means at our disposal to protect our shareholders and other shareholders against your attempt to deny them the inherent values of NCR."

However, Mr Allen wrote in reply: "All we have is a difference of opinion on price, we should let your shareholders decide. We believe that we are offering a full and fair price."

The two have been talking for almost a month. AT&T first offered \$85 a share, then \$90 in a share swap deal. The group has now offered cash. Some analysis expect the offer to be lifted closer to \$100 a share. In early trading on Wall Street, NCR shares had risen \$5 to \$91%, while those of AT&T were up \$1/2 at

\$301/4. A successful bid would mark the start of the European advance of AT&T, which is valued on Wall Street at \$30 billion.

NCR is Europe's minth largest computer maker, accounting for a third of last year's \$5.9 billion sales, and almost 30 per cent of operating

Industry experts say the aggressive stance being taken by AT&T is much more than a move by the telecommunications group to prop up its small and ailing computer business by merging it with that of the successful NCR.

AT&T says it must grow in the computer business to achieve a grand plan of linking people, organisations and their information in a seamless global computer network.

Analysis say it would take much more than \$6 billion to achieve that kind of dominant market position from a standing start.

#### Profits rise at Tunstall

PRE-TAX profits II equipment group, advanced to £5.13 million (£3.11 million) in the year to September, on turnover down to £47.4 million (£52.1 million). Gearing stands at 33.4 per cent (152.6 per cent). The final dividend was 3p (2.75p), making a total of 5p (4.5p) for the year. Earnings per share jump to 20.3p (12.6p).

#### Bid by Perrier and Smurfit

FRANCE'S Source Perrier is part of a group organised by Ireland's Jefferson Smurfit Group that has made an offer to buy three French makers of corrugated cardboard owned by Georgia-Pacific of America, Perrier said. Perrier is a major customer of Laurent, Espaly and Papeteries Etienne which have combined annual revenues of about

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#### BTP raises dividend

BTP, the specialist chemicals and industrial group, unveiled operating profits ahead by 24 per cent from £7.1 million to £8.83 million, on turnover up 22 per cent from £60.1 million to £73.1 million. Pre-tax profits stood at £8.32 million in the six months to end-September (£9.6 million).

Operating profits from the chemicals division rose from £3.8 million to £4.7 million, biocides climbed from £1.5 million to £1.8 million, and industrials grew £1.8 million to £2.3 million. Earnings per share rose from 6.52p to 7.39p, and the interim dividend improved to 2.95p (2.75p).

#### Macdonald 81% ahead

MACDONALD Martin Distilleries, producer of Glenmorangie single malt Scotch whisky, increased pre-tax profits by 81 per cent to £5.17 million during the six months to the end of September on turnover 27 per cent higher at £16.37 million. Higher profits reflected rising sales volumes. Interim dividends are 2p (1.60p) per 'A' share and 1p

#### **Brent Walker** board change

WILFRED Aquiling has stepped down as finance director of Brent Walker, Last night, a spokesman for the company confirmed that Mr Aquilina would be re-George Walker, Brent Walker's chairman and chief executive, is also thought to be considering the appointment of two new non-executive directors and the splitting of his current dual role.

#### Call for Goodman aid

GOODMAN International's bank creditors have called on the Irish government to help rescue the mest processing group, which owes £Ir460 million (£424 million). A statement from the creditor banks said that "positive financial support" from the Irish authorities should form

part of any rescue package.

Goodman blames its difficulties on sanctions halting trade with Iraq, which owes the company £Ir180 million. The Irish government has not officially said whether it is willing to provide rescue funds.

# **Control Securities** down to £13.3m

NAZMU Virani's Control was 68 per cent. The interim Securities is weathering the dividend is raised 10 per cent storm in the property market. to 0.55p (0.5p).

In the six months to endeptember, the company sold £52 million worth of property. With rental income boosting the division's turnover to £61 million, the property division made operating profits of £16.8 million, only 7 per cent down on 1989.

Control's interest bill has risen 67 per cent to £9.9 million, but a buoyant performance from the company's of our strategy in the present eisure division limited the recessionary climate of only damage to a 10 per cent fall in group pre-tax profits to £13.3 million. A further £2.9 million tinuing to give prominence to of interest has been capital- asset backed leisure

CHANNEL EXPRESS (Int) Pre-tax: £1.02m EPS: 5.5p (4.8p)

LATHAM (JAMES) (Int)

MURRAY ENTERPRISE

Pre-tax: Loss £8,327 LPS: 0.18p (EPS: 1.11p)

Pre-tab: £222,000 EPS: 2.07p (19.9p) Div: 2p (4.25p)

WELLMAN (Int)

Pre-tax: £1.17m

EPS: 2.6p (1.8p) Div: 0.8p (0.75p)

Pre-tax: £575,000

Pre-tax: £815,000

EPS: 4.9p (13.4p)

JAMES CROSBY (Int)

WIGGINS GROUP (Int)

**GIBBON LYONS (Int)** 

Pre-tax: £729,000

Pre-tax: Loss £889,000

EPS: 6.7p (5.7p)

Operating profits from Con-

trol's brewing, public houses and hotels division rose 138 per cent to £6.4 million. The division now has \$20 public houses and the Belhaven brewery, which it bought two years ago for £18 million. It also has 23 hotels with a total of 5,000 bedrooms,

Mr Virani said: "The results demonstrate the pragmatism holding income-producing freehold assets, and our consed. Gearing, said Mr Virani, businesses."

#### COMPANY BRIEFS

AJ ARCHER (Fin). Pre-tau: £5,66m (£6,34m) EPS: 16.5p (17.1p) Div: 5.25p, mkg 8.4p £804,000 (£404,000). AVESCO (int) Pro-tax: £302,000 EPS: 0.3p (3.2p) Div: 0.5p (0.5p) BROWN & TAWSE (Int.) Pre-tax: £2.17m (£4.82m) EPS: 4.8p (10p) Div: 2.85p (2.85p) Interests costs rose to £2.37m (£1.92m). All group's sections saw a decline in demand. CLARKE HOOPER (Int) Pre-tax: £1.73m (£1.65m)

EPS: 7.1p (6.5p) Div: 1.7p (1.6p) CLF YEOMAN (Int) Pre-tax: £3.27m (£8.06m) EPS: 5.6p (14.5p) Div: Nil (2.5p)

Last time's profit was £793,000.

Fully-diluted earnings stood at 2.2p (1.5p). Turnover increased Final results. Pre-tax profit for previous 14 months was £421,000.

Last time's profit was £2,25m. Tumover £10.2m (£8.6m), Interim dividend cut to 0.75p (1.25p). Last time's pre-tax loss was £806,000. Turnover tell to £6.92m (£10.8m). No dividend. Last time's profit was £702,000. Turnover climbed to £11.9m (£11m)-Interim dividend 2.0p (1.9p).

# be triggered from 20 per cent to 15. **GUS** pushes ahead to £177.8m as sales slip

was an extraordinary profit of

£11.3 million from the sale of investments, while earnings rose from 44.6p a share to

48.2p. The interim dividend

The results were better than

expected, leaving the ordinary

shares 7p ahead at £13.55 and the A shares 18p to the good at

GUS said that while trading

conditions have been difficult

throughout the year, home

shopping sales have remained level. This translated into

home shopping profits after tax of £50.3 million (£46.3

Consumer and corporate

inance suffered because of

high interest rates and a

downturn in car sales and

house purchases, both of

which led to low demand.

However, profits rose from £36.2 million to £40.1 million,

boosted by an increase in

ncome from the cash moun-

lain, which stood at £443

million at the end of the last

vision, which includes Bur-

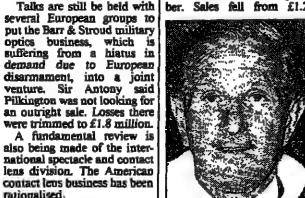
berry, saw profits fall from

inancial year.

rises ip to 12p.

GREAT Universal Stores, the billion to £1.18 billion. There mail order, property and financial services group that owns Burberry, says that while trading conditions continue to be tough, the group's strong balance sheet, cash mountain and property assets will support it through the worst of the

The group, whose chairman is Lord Wolfson of Marylebone, made pre-tax profits of £177.8 million (£166.2 miling market, and is lobbying for | lion), after stripping out £4.3 million of property profits, in energy conservation grants to ber. Sales fell from £1.26



### Comment, page 27 **Demand slows for** Smith & Nephew

By OUR CITY STAFF

SMITH & Nephew, the pharmaceuticals group that makes Elastoplast, says there has been a slackening in demand from British retailers for the group's toiletries prod- been more difficult than ucts, which has led to a fall in anticipated. Government

contact leus business has been

pre-tax profit levels. S&N's pre-tax profit for the nine months to October 6 fell 3 per cent to £97.1 million. S&N's sales in the third rose 5 per cent to £554,000. Excluding the effects of exchange rates and business disposals, the underlying growth in sales was 8 per

Earnings per share were unchanged at 6.8p. The interest charge fell 53 per cent to £3.2 million and gearing is now 33 per cent. There is an a Californian court, but it is extraordinary charge of £11.4 million in the nine months,

due to the cost of withdrawing from the examination glove market in America.

The group says trading in the second half of the year has pressure on healthcare expenditure led to reduced spending by hospitals, which affected quarter, and £2 million of export sales to the Middle East were lost due to the Gulf instability. On a brighter note, worldwide sales of Elastoplast and orthopsedic products showed strong growth.

S&N has made no provision for damages of \$96 million, awarded against the group by appealing against the award. The shares fell 5p to 100%p.

#### E12.76 million to £11.1 million as the impact of tensions in the Middle East and a slowdown in tourism affected Property rentals rose from £16.8 million to £17.9 million.

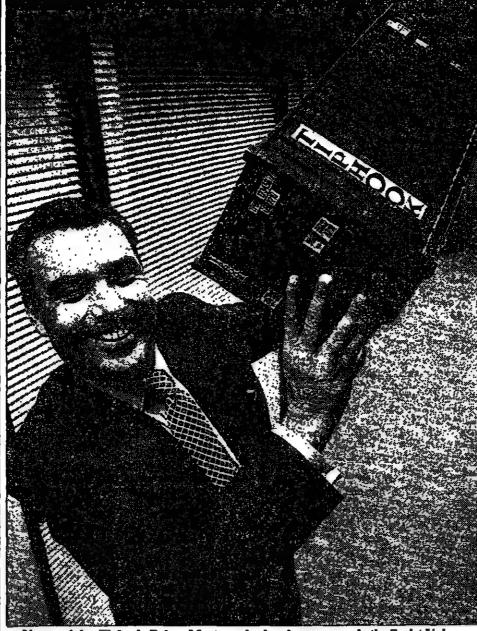
products di-

Less than 15 per cent of GUS's profits come from currency movements wiped £2.6 million from profits. The contribution from

North America halved to £2 million, partly because of the closure of some of the group's Canadian activities. Richard Pugh, deputy chair-

man of the group, said trading in the current half was more difficult than in the first half. He added, however, that the diversified nature of the group's operations, strong balance sheet liquidity and property value provide a measure of support that is helpful in

Mr Pugh said: "The company maintains its endeavours to maximise income and net tangible assets per share, minimise costs and invest in



No containing Tiphook: Robert Montague is planning a venture in the Soviet Union

# Containers purchase helps Tiphook soar to £25.2m

By GEORGE SIVELL

Tiphook turnover, up from

£75 million to £131 million in

the half-year, comes from the

Half of Tiphook sales come

Mr Montague is now look-

from America, the rest from

ing to eastern Europe for

expansion opportunities and

is in the throes of negotiating

to establish a joint venture in

the Soviet Union with Sov-

transavio, the state transport

Tiphook feels it has some-

any downturn in the UK

TIPHOOK, now the world's ago, is not unduly troubled by the new, as yet unnamed, joint third largest container rental group, raised interim pre-tax profits from £10.1 million to £25.2 million in the six months to end-October.

The figures reflect the acquisition of 200,000 containers from Sea Containers in the wake of the bid battle and a further improvement in

profit margins. Earnings growth was much slower, however, up 25 per cent to 21.9p a share. But shareholders paid £240

million of the \$537 million Sea Containers purchase price via a rights issue. The half-year dividend rises

30 per cent to 3.5p net and the shares rose 4p to 369p. Tiphook, which was founded by Robert Montague, the present chairman, 12 years

thing to offer the alling Soviet transport infrastructure, which is the cause of present food shortages.

Tiphook is offering to provide training and expertise to full-year end.

In return, the company will Only ten per cent of win the right to rent containers to the joint venture in return for hard currency. At the moment, Tiphook

has 300 of its containers on rent in the Soviet Union. Stockbrokers are forecasting

a rise in full-year pre-tax profits from £33 million to £75 million for the year to end-April 1991. At the end of October,

borrowings stood at £640 million, up from £582 million reported at the end of April, on shareholders' funds of £246 million, up slightly from the £220 million last reported. Gearing, however, is ex-

pected to fall to around 2.25 from the present 2.6 at the

# DOUGLAS

## **Strong performance** in difficult trading conditions

Summary of Half Year Results

To 30th September (unaudited)	1990	1989
Turnover	£186m	£l6tm
Pre-tax profit	£5.34m	£5.26m
Profit attributable to members	£3.13m	£3.15m
Earnings per share	20.7p	20.6р
Dividends per share	3.0p	3.0p

"The Group has performed very well in difficult market conditions. The figures underline the success of our strategy of well balanced activity, geographic spread, management depth and stringent financial control. We are in a strong position to meet the challenges of a hostile economic environment."

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John Douglas OBE, Chairman Robert M. Douglas Holdings PLC

CONSTRUCTION FQUIPMENT'S PLANT

# Anglo United debt hopes

By Martin Barrow

tribution group, says it is on disposals and expects to repay

schedule to repay borrowings a further £70 million by incurred after the £478 million March 31, 1991, its year-end acquisition of the larger A bridging loan of £50 Coalite Group in August 1989. million will be repaid on or The company, which as-sumed £440 million of debt to ned. Banking arrangements

finance the contested take-over, has repaid £195 million £70 million over the next four

office developments, includ-ing the new building above

Charing Cross station, are fully let. One is finished, while

the other two are near

ments are in the very early

stages. "As and when we begin

to move out of the present

recession we shall be able to

take advantage of the im-

portant development projects

we have at present at the planning stage," said Mr

At Paternoster Square,

where Greycoat is in partner-

ship with Park Tower Realty

and Mitsubishi Estate, a pub-

lic exhibition of the con-

sortium's plans for the area

will be held in the new year.

The consortium owns the

central 4.2 acres of the site

next to St Paul's Cathedral.

But the proposals will cover a

Greycoat's next develop-

# **Greycoat profits** surge by 51%

By OUR CITY STAFF

PRE-TAX profits at Greycoat, overheads, tax and dividends. the property developer and All three of its big London investment group, have jumped 51 per cent to £13.2 million in the six months to September. However, Geoffrey Wilson, chairman, has warned that this growth will not continue in the second half. The company is paying an unchanged dividend of 2.3p.

The results once again con-firmed Greycoat's reputation for financial ingenuity. Only £3.7 million of interest has been taken through the profit and loss account. A further £17.5 million of interest has been added to the cost of the company's development properties, together with £2.4 million of administrative expenses and £3.29 million of bond discount accretion.

Greycoat's strategy is to ensure that when its three big developments are complete, the company's property in-

Turnover virtually doubled from £165.64 million to £320.87 million, and trading profits rose from £7.3 million

> £11.82 million. in Wandsworth, south Lou-don, netted £7.86 million and associated company profits were £1.47 million, making a total income of £24.23 mil-

lion (£8.46 million).

man, who is giving up his dual role as chief executive after the ham as managing director, said that disposals had proconditions.

glo United has netted a total of £199.6 million through disposals. Still to be sold are Coalite's auto dealerships and interests in scientific instruments, together with EPS: 6.00 (6.5c) Pozament, a manufacturer of rowles (int) erouting materials, and free-

ANGLO United, the fuel dis- after completing a series of financial years, which the company considers to be well within its capability.

Anglo United unveiled interim figures showing taxable profits down sharply from £5.97 million to £1.12 million in the six months to end-September. Earnings declined from 4p a share to 1.3p. The interim dividend is being maintained at 0.2p a share.

to £15.53 million. Businesses that will remain part of the enlarged Anglo United inreased profits 95 per cent to The disposal of a property

lion, against £14.43 million. But interest charges were sharply higher at £23.11 mil-

David McErlain, the chairappointment of John Gainceeded in line with Anglo United's original strategy, despite deteriorating economic

Since September 1989, AnTotal dividend last year was 8p. Turnover eased to £6.73m (£7.49m). Net imprest received was

Last time's profit was £2.33m. Turnover feli to £9,46m (£14.4m). Trading shows no sign of early improvement. Geering is about 15%. Turnover fell to £90.8m (£94.9m).

Board believes that the group is well positioned for continued growth in each of its specialist

Figures in Irish currency. The CLF Holdings subsidiary made trading losses of Ir2900,000. Gross income increased to Ir£78.4m (Ir£59.1m). Turnover grew to £14.9m (£8.76m). Group had good summer volumes of freight and flowers from Guernsey. Last time's profit was £1.58m. While board believes it has taken right steps, it remains apprehensive about the state of trade. Last time's profit was £880,000.

SECURITY ARCHIVES (Int) Last time's profit was £437,000. Turnover grew by 35 per cent to £3.2m. Interim dividend 3p (2.5p)-

Last time's pre-tax loss was £822,000. Turnover climbed to £5.83m (£5.47m). No dividend...

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# Digging deep in Lime Street

with run-off years of account still not reinsured, are being thrown a lifeline, but the price of picking it up may be so high as to leave many of them with little alternative other than to drown. Lloyd's plan to set up its own reinsurance company to underwrite the liabilities of the run-off

years of account gives the first impression that Lloyd's is weighing in with real help for those who were unlucky enough to join syndicates which became entangled with business carrying the long and lethal tail of asbestos claims. What is proposed is a highly expensive option: it will give the names no real benefits except that of certainty. They will be able to exchange the unknown future liability for a set, one-off, premium.

The snag is that the premium will be no lower than the amount estimated to be necessary to discharge all the future liabilities. Few of the syndicates currently in trouble with run-off years have that amount of reserve in hand, so in exchange for certainty, the names will have to dip their hands in their pockets sooner

rather than later. Some, undoubtedly, will consider almost any price a reasonable amount to pay to walk away from the openended commitment. Others will be in no better shape to pay the reinsurance premium than to meet the claims as they fall due.

There was a certain anxiety to present the plan as the many coming to the aid of the few in a way which will not involve the many digging into their pockets. The history of the troubled syndicates, however, is that the extent of future claims has been consistently under-estimated and if the run-off reinsurance premiums prove inadequate, then the central fund will have to make good. Lloyd's has already started to crank up the size of the central fund to one billion pounds. If history is any guide, every penny will be needed.

One small consolation for the names is that the premium payable will be deducted for tax purposes and any resultant loss the fancy prices made possible by

COMMENT

DAVID BREWERTON

will be allowable. So the good old taxpayer will effectively pick up part of the tab for the excesses, greed and lack of judgment of some Lloyd's syndicates.

Hanson high

ord Hanson and his partner Sir Gordon White have few dequals when it comes to reading the rises and falls of business cycles. They are about to reap a rich harvest as a result.

In the past couple of years, when captains of industry tended to measure their virility by the pile of takeover scalps they won, Hanson and White mostly kept their powder dry. Not for them

clever but dangerous financial engineering devised by feehungry corporate financiers. Instead, they made a string of medium-sized disposals at what now look like exorbitant ratings and pounced instead on opportunities too good to miss, such as ConsGold and Peabody.

With £6.9 billion in the bank, a strong balance sheet and the power to borrow up to £16 billion, Hanson could in theory set its sights on an acquisition of, say, £15 billion. The next 12 months are likely to bring opportunities galore, and when Hanson makes its move, probably in America, there will be no white knight riding to the rescue on junk debt.

The point for shareholders to

grasp is a simple one. Hanson's earnings will rise sharply by the end of 1992 without acquisitions. With a well-timed bid, they could

### Sagging floor

t could soon be another day for the diary for ERM trivia buffs. ■With the pound trading down to DM2.8850 against the background of crashing oil prices, a breach of DM2.88 is in sight. This level was the "effective floor" for sterling set by the highflying peseta when Britain joined the ERM on October 8. But this has since moved down in almost perfect synchronisation with

When sterling entered the ERM at DM2.95, the effective floor was DM2.88. Today, with the pound just below DM2.89. official calculations tell us that the "effective floor" is down to DM2.82. In other words, the

immediate downside risk for sterling is exactly the same now as it was then - seven pfennigs. It seems that the peseta provides a rather special kind of floor for sterling. It ensures that sterling's ride downwards is reasonably smooth and comfortable, but it does nothing to prevent the movement down.

All this must be something of an embarrassment to the many analysts who argued two months ago that seven pfennigs would be the maximum downwide risk for sterling in the ERM. If the pound breaks decisively through DM2.88, more speculative pressure is to be expected as the disillusioned sterling bulls finally give up. The authorities seem unworried. They know that the only ERM floor that matters is the one against the mark at DM2.7780. For some of the monetary masochists at Threadneedle Street, the weakness of sterling may even be welcome if it limits the scope for an early cut in interest rates. But what if the Chancellor cuts rates anyway next Friday? That's when the testing of the ERM will really

#### GRAND Metropolitan may have outperformed the market by about 20 per cent over the past year, but it has not been a smooth ride. The interim result in May was marred by an outbreak of "mad cow" disease, which sent the shares into a spin, while the apparently endless wrangling with the trade department over the Courage deal was a feature of

the summer. By autumn, the company was suffering profit mark-downs on the back of its high exposure to the dollar. The shares, therefore, have vecred wildly from about 520p to almost 680p in the past 12 months. A sparkling set of full-year figures yesterday sent them 17p higher to 629p.

Pre-tax profits rose from £732 million to £919 million, the top end of analysts' forecasts, and although Sir Allen Sheppard, the chairman, admits the group is not immune from recession, there are still further benefits to squeeze out of the 1988 acquisition of Pilisbury in America.

GrandMet boasted of organic growth of 17 per cent from its drinks business, 12.5 per cent from retail and 21 per cent from food, excluding the Alpo pet food concern, which was withdrawn from sale.

The market believes that browing in the widest sense, is one of the most recessionproof sectors, gloomy comments from Bass on Wednesday potwithstanding. Grand-Met can point to gearing halved to 84 per cent from the takeover, while the eventual resolution of the Courage issue, and probable cash inflows of about £500 million, will bring gearing down another 20 percentage points.

Despite lower property earnings and weakness in the dollar, pre-tax profits should be in the £1 billion range this year. The shares, therefore, sell on about the sector average of ten times' future earnings. They deserve better.

#### **Pilkington**

PILKINGTON'S European and American flat and safety glass business held up remarkably well in the six months to end-September, mainly because the biggest operations Australasia, where market million. But they should be 1991.

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# GrandMet resilience yet to be appreciated



From bad to worse: Hichens of YJ Lovell

are in booming Germany rather than in Britain.

Since the 7 per cent shortfall in these core operations was fully covered by lower interest charges. Pilkington might have been sticking its cor-porate chest out with pride. instead, pre-tax profits fell 30 per cent to £103 million and the group could again have to look over its shoulder for an aggressive bidder.

The main short-term damage was from glass operations in Brazil, Argentina and

conditions were disastrous. Far more damaging to the

corporate image is the failure of the anti-cyclical diversification strategy. Pilkington's combined operating profits less losses from eyecare, insulation, military optical and other high tech businesses fell from an inadequate £15 million to £6 million on £290 million sales.

The expensively bought Visioncare companies recovered after the American conmaking over £50 million a year and are saleable. The immediate defence is to

maintain the full-year dividend of 10.5p per share. With American and British glass profits under more pressure, full-year profits may be only £200 million. That would leave the shares at 158p, 12 times prospective earnings of about 13p with a yield of 8.9 per cent. Recovery could be dramatic, but will take some

YJ Lovell FOR the property and con-struction group YJ Lovell, 1990 has been a diameter.

It started badly with the unsuccessful and ruinously expensive bid for Higgs & Hill, and then became worse. Serious problems in its urban renewal division coincided with a general alump in housebuilding and commercial development. The full scale of the damage is now

Pretax profits of £19.9 million for the year to end-September are 31 per cent below restated figures for 1989 and 40 per cent below the unadjusted figures announced in the middle of the £167 million bid for Higgs & Hill.

The damage continues below the line, where extraor-dinary items of £11.4 million reduce the attributable profit to £3 million. Paying an unchanged dividend of 6.75p to give a total of 8.95p (8.75p) required a £2.2 million transfer from reserves.

whose chairman is Antony Hichens, from the company high profile but now out of fashion urban renewal business, is proving even more expensive than originally

The only real bright spot was construction, where pre-tax and pre-exceptional profits more than doubled to £11.8 million. But construction will be hard pressed to do as well

Despite the uncertain outlook there could still be a modest rise in profits in the current year to say £21 million. At 140p, the shares are on a p/e of 6 and could reward anyone who believes the house market will recover in

PRICES in the unofficial "grey market" for electricity shares edged higher yesterday, with Northern the most highly priced of the 12 distributors, at 140p as the number of applications processed crossed four million.

The total is likely to be well above six million. Although under the clawback arrangements the public will now receive 55 per cent of the issue, scaling-back is inevitable, quite possibly for all applicants except those who applied for the £100 minimum investment in their own board.

The grey market run by IG Index, the financial bookmaker, showed an average price when dealings start next Tuesday of 136p.

But analysts covering the float were advising retail investors not to count their profits too soon. If the 12 share prices go to the indicated premium, the companies in yield terms will look less attractive than water shares, where the package is yielding about 7.2 per cent. MARTIN WALLER

# Electricity grey market edges higher Loss on bank and building society cards should be £50 LOSSES on all bank and Lloyds say they already limit is the case, and the code, for

building society cards will be limited to £50 under a draft code of practice, which should come into operation by the middle of next year. Customers will still be liable

if they are negligent or fraudulent

The proposed voluntary code of banking practice has been drawn up by a working group comprising representa-tives of the British Bankers' Association, the Building Societies Association and the Association for Payment and Clearing Services. This follows a recommendation by the Jack committee review of banking services last year and

a white paper in the spring of

this year. Credit cards are already limited to maximum losses for customers of £50 under the Consumer Credit Act. Most companies do not hold customers responsible for any of the loss unless they have have been negligent or personally

involved in a fraud.

losses to customers on all cards. Barclays said it was looking at the possibility of introducing the £50 limit to all plementation of the code.

For the first time, customers will be able to refuse a personal identification number with their cards so that they cannot be used in cash dispensers.

The code also seeks views on whether customers should have the right to choose their own numbers. The code will also require

lenders to take particular care when marketing credit to young people aged 18 to 21. Banks and building societies will also have to publish all their charges.

Sir George Blunden, who chaired the steering committee overseeing the drawing up of the code, said: "The fact that a code of practice has been produced does not mean that we have a poor banking system in the United King-

the most part, reproduces what is currently the best leading institutions. Accordingly, it is not expected that upheaval in the way that banks, building societies and card issuers behave." Guy Dehn, the legal officer

of the National Consumer Council, said that it wanted negligence relating to losses on bank cards to be detailed in the code so that bank customers knew when they might be liable for large losses. The council also wanted

customers to be given notice before banks and building societies levied charges on accounts. This could avoid a customer being pushed into the red by the charges.

Comments on the code should be sent by March 1 to Code of Banking Practice, 10 Lombard Street, London EC3V 9AP.

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#### One stop for James Capel

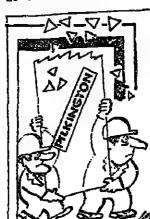
AS REDUNDANCY speculation sweeps the City, James Capel has confirmed that it has laid off seven employees from its Australian and mining desks in London. Those shown the door were two mining salesmen, two mining dealers, one dealer from the Australian desk and two secretaries. "A few years ago we established a separate company in Australia and also bought into an existing brok- hitherto neglected smaller ing firm in Canada. Both those companies sector of the stock firms had their own sales desks in London, which meant that there was some duplication of services." explains Rob Weinberg, head of Capel's international mining ings Asset Management. Richdepartment. "We are thus amalgamating the Australian Monday, has been with Flemdesk in London with the international mining department and in due course we would like to do the same thing with the Canadian desk." Weinberg says that the changes are a refocusing rather than a cost cutting exercise and, to prove his point, adds that he is in the process of recruiting a mining analyst — "I can't tell you who he is because he hasn't resigned yet" - and five specialist mining sales traders from RND International, a small South African broker based in London. They are John Daniels, Tom Walford, Alasiair White, Andy McDougal and Rob Leith. "In a sense we are returning to our roots," says

Weinberg, "providing a one-stop colonial department."

AN ARTICLE about South West Water in the Cornish Guardian read: "In the summer representatives of the par-ish councils had called at the South West Water information stand seeking answers to a variety of questions. The official they spoke to had tried to he helpful but appeared out of his depth."

#### Firm watcher

AT LAST one of the big broking firms seems to be turning its attention to the market. UBS Phillips & Drew is bolstering its smaller companies team with the recruitment of Andrew Richmond, a specialist analyst, from Flemmond, aged 24, due to start on ings for more than two years. "It has been a very difficult time for smaller companies," he admits. "But things will



improve. Over the next couple of years I think UBS P& D will put a lot of effort into this area so that when there is an upturn in the performance of smaller companies it will be well placed." All square

#### WHILE many brokers and

bankers in the square mile are counting themselves lucky simply to have jobs this Christmas, staff at Lazards, the merchant bank, have suddealy lost their festive cheer after hearing about their annual pay increases. Compared with a flat rate increase of 14 per cent last year - which meant a rise of £5,600 for someone on a salary of £40,000 - this year's pay rise is to be £1,000, for everyone from the messenger boys to the senior executives. IF YOU complain about the

number of Christmas cards you send, spare a thought for the Queen. People live so long that she now has to send 1,700 100th birthday greetings, compared with 200 in 1952.

# Merry go round

WHEN John Woolfenden's wife and children arrive in London from their Wigan home for a family theatre trip and celebration in honour of his 50th birthday this evening they could find him somewhat the worse for wear. For popular and jovial Woolfenden, group compliance officer at UBS Phillips & Drew, will

private luncheon party with some of his closest City friends at the Connaught Hotel, but also a surprise cham pagne breakfast being thrown by his compliance colleague within the Broadgate headquarters of UBS P&D. "I will not fall asleep during the theatre," Woolfenden insisted yesterday, still in ignorance of the boozy breakfast that lay before him.

SIR Michael Straker, aged 62

#### Geordie toast

a straight-backed old Etonian who once served in the Coldstream Guards, is more understanding than mos about the homesickness soldiers in the Gulf will experience this Christmas. Since they will not be able to drown their sorrows in alcohol, he is making use of his position as chairman of Northumbrian Water to ease their plight. Some 12,000 bottles of Northumbrian Water have been loaded into two 20 ft containers and are on their way to the troubled region by sea, a journey expected to take three weeks. The containers are intended for the 700 or so Royal Scots Dragoon Guards there, a sizeable percentage of whom are Geordies. "It will give them a taste of home," says a spokesman, "and give them something with which to toast their families at Christmas " It should also ease the sizeable Ministry of Defence

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Source: Morpan Stanley Capital International



# Shares near 2,200 level as dealers await start of trading in electricity

EVENTS in the Middle East should help to reduce inflacontinued to dominate the equity market with the reports that Iraq planned to release all prices sharply higher. But trading conditions remained thin. Turnover rose to 556 million shares but this was inflated by several programme trades and a high level of bedand-breakfast deals to establish tax losses.

Dealers said that fund managers were reluctant to be drawn in by the growing prospect of a peaceful settlement in the Middle East. They were waiting for the start of trading in the shares of the electricity companies next week. Judging by the price movements in the grey market, there should be some big premiums on the first day.

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The FT-SE 100 index came within 10 points of the 2,200 level before boiling over as a firm start on Wall Street petered out. The index fin-ished 24.9 up at 2.177.5. The FT index of 30 shares added 28.3 at 1,717.9. Sentiment was also helped by the news of the European concession in the Gan talks. There was little reaction to the gloomy distributive trades' survey from the

Government securities achieved gains of almost £1 at

C&W to set

up £200m

Polish deal

By OUR CITY STAFF

CABLE and Wireless, the

telecommunications group,

has signed a memorandum of

understanding with the Polish

ministry of posts to set up a

telecommunications network

in the Gdansk region. The

plan will involve investments

of more than £200 million

In exchange, Cable and

Wireless will be granted a 25-

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operation with the Polish

The new network will pro-

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Within six to ten years, an

integrated digital network will

least 450,000 customers.

Work is expected to start soon.

regional and national oper-

over a seven- to ten-year

period.

tion. But oil shares took a pounding as the price for January Brent slid to \$25.45 foreign hostages driving share after the easing of tension in the Middle East and the offer

from Iraq. BP fell 9p to 330p, Enterprise 22p to 612p, Lasmo 22p to 391p, Premier Consolidated 41/sp to 621/sp, Shell 5p to 452p, and Ultramar 5p to 332p. Only Burmah Castrol, currently fighting for control of Foseco, was able to buck the trend with a rise of 21p to 506p. Its extensive downstream activities may benefit from a lower oil price.

The failing price of oil should also be good news for British Airways, up ilp at 159p. BA issued a warning Last month that rising fuel costs meant it was unlikely to make any profits in the second half of its current year.

The full-year figures from Grand Metropolitan, the international brewing and food group, were at the top end of expectations, lifting the shares 18p to 630p. Pre-tax profits were up from £732 million to £919 million with carnings a share climbing from 17.6p to

Sir Allen Sheppard, the chairman, expects further growth in earnings next year. But he gave a warning that the the longer end with hopes for impact of the weak dollar on an early cut in interest rates American earnings, fewer revived. Lower fuel bills property disposals and an increased tax charge could Final figures from Hanson,

gloomy reading. Pre-tax proflion to £103.2 million.

Lucas Industries, the automotive and aerospace compo group, jumped 10p to 143p. The group told analysts that it has been in talks with representatives of the company's pension fund about the use of its excess assets. Both sides have worked out a formula which has resulted in big improvements in members' benefits and a return of £90 million, after tax, for the company.

tax profits were 20 per cent ahead at £1,28 billion. The

The interim figures from

trating on more cost reduc-tions, the sale of surplus assets and the rationalisation of manufacturing capacity. The profits setback had been expected, so the price ended 6p better at 161p.

bled to £25.2 million. The figures were in line with expectations and analysts have pencilled in at least £75 million for the full year.

Brent Walker, the debtladen leisure group, fell 4p to 74p on the departure of Wilfred Aquilina, the finance director. The news was not entirely unexpected. Last week, the group finally managed to get its £103 million convertible bond under-

Reuters, the international news agency and financial information group, jumped 32p to 648p in further response to this week's presenta tion for analysts in New York at which the group made a

The Brazi paper and building products group recovered some of its composure with a rise of 1p to 691/2p. The shares were knocked by claims this week that the outlook for next year was grim. An anonymous document was sent by fax to a number of analysts. The company said the fax was false and has asked the Stock Exchange to investigate.

The Wickes do-it-yourself and building products group rallied 1p to 60p after Wednesday sharp fall.

MICHAEL CLARK

#### **WORLD MARKETS**

The Hang Seng

Frankfurt — Shares rock-

President Hussein said he

would release hostages. The

Dax index closed at 1,504.67,

Dec 6 Dec 5 midday close

# Profit-taking cuts Dow rise

SHARES were strong at mid- 16, in a confident market Singapore - The market morning, but blue chips were buoyed by renewed hopes for closed on a firm note with lower as some investors took a peaceful settlement. quick profits. The Dow Jones industrial average was up 24 surged 60.56 to 3,126.79, points to 2,634.40 after rising while the Hong Kong index jumped 28.74 to 1,152.96. by 36 points. jumped 39.26 to 2,050.15.

Optimism for peace in the Gulf was high after Iraq's offer eted late on Thursday after to release all foreign hostages. The news helped shares but sent crude oil prices lower. ● Hong Kong - Prices ended up 33.71 points, or 2.3 per

#### Weaker oil lifts Nikkei 359 points

PRICES closed higher because of hopes for a quick, peaceful settlement in the Middle East. Benedicte Ivey, the manger of international sales at Credit Lyonnais Securities (Japan), said: "The market opened higher on the back of veaker oil prices."

Turnover was relatively moderate. There was buying in insurance and pharmaceutical issues.

The Nikkei average closed 359.38 points, or 1.62 per cent, up at 22,553.10. The turnover of 330 million shares compared with 350 million on

The market opened to the news that Iraq had accepted President Bush's proposal for talks on the Gulf, which triggered overnight gains on Wall Street and sent oil prices in New York to their lowest in

### Scapa dips below £20m at half time

WEAKER dollar affected

Pre-tax profits fell from £20.07 million to £19.84 million in the six months to end-September, with unfavourable currency movements reducing profitability by about £1 milchanged at 7.1p a share while the interim dividend rises

Group turnover advanced 5 per cent to £141.57 million, with British operations gaining £5.2 million to £56.68 million after the acquisition of £10.5 million at the beginning of the financial year. In North America, sales to £52.38 million (£53.05 million), with other countries contributing £32.51 million (£30.4 million).

Bill Goodall, the chairman of Scapa, gave warning that significant gains in profitability were not expected until the end of next year, despite "excellent" performances by

#### pected to begin generating in 1994. BICC's Balfour Beatty

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he the main contractor. Thames Power said employment during construction was expected to peak at 500. The plant would employ 100 people once completed.

#### **RECENT ISSUES**

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-220 British Airways PLEASED WITHA FALLING OIL PRICE

the industrial conglomerate, were at the bottom end of still rose 31/2p to 1991/2p. Pre-

its dropped from £147.1 mil-Antony Pilkington, the chairman, said that the recession expectations but the shares had resulted in weaker demand. Pilkington is concen-

group's British operations contributed £579 million, although Amey Roadstone and London Brick were both affected by the recession.

Pilkington, Britain's biggest trailer rental group, rose 4p to glass manufacturer, made 369p after reporting first-half

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# Weak dollar may force Airbus to leave Europe, says Daimler

By MARTIN BARROW

first-half earnings at Scapa Group, which makes products for the paper and printing industries and has substantial interests in North America.

from 1.43p a share to 1.5p.

At the operating level, profits fell from £23.18 million to £22.68 million. While Britain's contribution rose from £5.33 million to £6.10 million, North America's fell from £13.89 million to £13.03 million and that of other countries from just under £4 million to £3.55 million. Net interest charges were cut from

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Listing: Gerhard Liener outside the exchange yesterday

option."

AIRBUS Industrie may shift mark/dollar rate much of its manufacturing DM1.60 and DM2. outside Europe to combat Herr Liener said Daimler financial losses threatened by now faced huge technical weakness of the dollar, losses at the year end because Gerhard Liener, finance directhe dollar has since softened to tor of Daimler-Benz, said DM1.49. Daimler is obliged by German accounting rules to provide against currency Herr Liener said work could losses on its share of the entire be sub-contracted to countries Airbus order book. Negotiawith dollar-linked currencies tions with Daimler's auditors in central and south America. about a less draconian treator to Indonesia. "That is one ment continue. The volatility of exchange Daimler acquired control of rates has spurred continental a 37.9 per cent stake in Airbus partners in the Airbus conwhen it bought Messersortium to follow the lead of schmitt-Bölkow-Blohm out of British Aerospace, which has a state control last year. 20 per cent stake. BAe has shifted half of its civil aircraft Because amounts rates worldwide are priced in dollars, the German Federal government work into dollar contracts, undertook to protect Daimler Airbus, constituted as against fluctuations in the partnership between Daimler, LONDON TRADED OPTIONS and Casa of Spain, is now one of Europe's largest businesses. Herr Liener said he hoped it could be incorporated under French law by the end of 1991. raising the possibility that shares could be offered to the



#### Thames Power agrees £500m station site THAMES Power has reached demand, and potential re- was originally to have been

agreement with the London Borough of Barking and Dagenham on a new site for its proposed £500 million, 1,000 megawatt power station along-are CU Power, part of the side the lower reaches of the Canadian group ATCO, with River Thames (Ross Tieman

The deal clears the way for the first gas-fired power sta-

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wards, are highest. Thames Power is 45 per cent owned by BICC, the cables and construction group. Its partners are CU Power, part of the 45 per cent; and J Henry Schroder Wagg, the merchant bank, which has 10 per cent.

The high-efficiency com-

The London borough and

taken joint options over a site alongside Ford's Dagenham

built on a redundant Central

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# Super-city where north meets south

new "super region" is being developed in England. The Transpennine A region cuts across the traditional north-south divide by uniting Lancashire and Yorkshire in an area that is home to almost 12 million people, and five million

more along its fringes.

The artery through which the wealth and enthusiasm flows is the M62 motorway from Liverpool in the west to the mouth of the Humber in the cast.

The Transpennine region already accounts for more than £63 billion, or about 20 per cent, of Britain's gross domestic product. What proponents describe as the linear "super-city" has not only a fast-growing financial services sector, but ten universities and six polytechnics within its

group, describes the area as Britain's second city-region, bigger in population and economic terms, it claims, than six of the 12 countries in the European Community. With increasing European integration and the advent of the Channel tunnel, there is a dispers that a fragmented north of

ingly marginalised unless the region unites to project a more positive image. However, the group's campaign

recently received a nasty shock when the Boundary Commission recommended in an interim report that the lowlands of south Humberside should revert to Lincolnshire and the economic region of East Midlands. Eight months ago, the commission rejected submissions from cam-paigners in Yorkshire and Lincolombire who wanted the Humber restored as a natural boundary between the two counties.

Justin Kornberg, the chairman of Transpennine, says the recommendation does not make economic sense. "If it is confirmed, we are happy to work with both sides of the Humber," he says. "Our campaign will continue. Humberside, a homogeneous economic area with tremendous potential for industrial development, is the north's gateway to Europe."

Europe and the single market are not far from the minds of those who are pushing the Transpennine idea for all they are worth and the

rapidly after many years in the

Manchester airport, in the west, the fastest-growing airport in Europe and the M62, virtually an all-weather link, have broken down the geographical and psychological boundary between the red and white rose counties, although there remains Whitehall's bureaucratically minded

of Lister & Co. a Bradford textile manufacturer, and one of the originators of the Transpennine organisation, believes that ecoactivity and pan-Europeanism will change that attitude. He says: The EC is already thinking in terms of regions as well as countries, and Transpennine, with the potential of being one of the most dynamic regions in Europe, could superimpose itself on Whitehall thinking."

Mr Komberg, who is chairman

David Fletcher, the executive director of Transpennine, believes the M62 has effectively redrawn the map of northern England. Now the United Kingdom, he says, is one great motorway box with an M4 corridor in the south



Redrawing the map of the north: the M62. David Fletcher, the executive director of the Transpe pressure group, and (inset) Justin Kornberg, the chairman, believe it is the key to economic revival

and an M8 silicon glen in the created about 18 months ago to north. Mr Fletcher sees transpennine as a super-city stretching coses to coast across the north of England. It will be a manycentred, linear-spread city with a well-preserved industrial heritage of international significance and easy access to countryside and coastline. "In short," he says, "an excellent place in which to live

The Transpennine organisation.

promote the project, has the ceramics and building. backing of private and public es, local authorities and Communications infrastructure enterprise agencies. It works closely with established interests such as the Yorkshire and Hum-

lent, to avoid duplication of effort. The region is being built on more than engineering and mining. Its activities include financial

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provides the sinews of the new region. Meetings have already been held with the transport ministry and British Rail, Transpennine has lobbied for airport licences, rail electrifications, a King's Cross rail interchange and road building programmes. York-shire and Lancashire MPs have

MALCOLM RIFKIND, the secretary of state for transport, writes For the north, east-west trans-port links are as crucial as north. port links are as crucial as north-south ones. As our trade with Europe grows, the east-coast ports will have a vital role alongside the Channel tunnel and the Channel ports. The govern-ment is investing heavily in giving the transpennine region the transpent infrastructure it needs. On the roads, we have a £3 billion programme in the northwest. Yorkshire and Humberside, including about £500 million on the M62 and other roads crossing the Pennines - together with a study on the need for further links. The rail lines across the Pennines have seen significant improvements in services over the past few years; and there is more to come.

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Manchester alroom is ex-panding, and is to have direct rail links to both Lancashire and Yorkshire. The transpernine region has a dynamic economy, needs transport links to match and is getting them. I look forward to the transpernine transport conference".

formed an all-party Transpenning Group.

Framed by a superb country side, the Mersey-Humber corridor could reshape and reinvigorate the industrial heartland of the north The M62 could be the road leading away from a late-20th century depression to a 21st-century economic rejuvenation.

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is partly a transplantation from New England to old England. What Justin Kornberg, the pressure group's chairman, saw in Massachusetts made him believe a similar transformation could take place in England.

He says the Boston ring road became a "flywheel" of economic activity, reviving the whole area. The M62 corridor, to follow his meta-phor, could be the crankshaft enerate the north.

pennine organisation. The others are Chris Haskins, its

himself on the right, Mr investment and employment Haskim is a known man of the and develop a dynamic image left, and Mr Fletcher, an that could shift the balance of

## The new route to revival

Highway to help

redress balance

Mr Kornberg is one of three environmentalist, is placed people leading the Trans- somewhere in between. Mr Komberg wants to work with the "grain" of established vice-chairman, who is the institutions, even envisaging a chairman of Northern Foods, regional "Neddy", but he also and David Fletcher, the exec- wants greater entrepreneurial utive director. Hebden Bridge activity and the tapping of the in West Yorkshire is its base. talent in the north's univer-Although none of them sities and polytechnics. He wants to bring politics into the argues that all the forces campaign, Mr Kornbert sees working together can enhance



Chris Haskins: "cash help"

Britain from the southeast. Mr Haskins is an interventionist, believing the revitalisation of the north cannot take place without public money. believe in planning and not just free markets", he says. He believes the "disas-

trous" centralisation of decision-making in Westminster and Whitehall has reinforced the process of service industries supplanting manufac-

volved to the north, so that the region can plan its road, rail and economic development.

Mr Fletcher is the former head of Manchester Polytechnic's environmental and geographical studies depart-ment. While there he sought solutions to the sterile northsouth divide disputes. He favoured latitudinal development, rather than longitudinal. The traditional view of Britain as a twin north-south axis on either side of the Pennines, linking distant regions to the capital, has perpetuated the notion of a fragmented north.

The reality is otherwise," Mr Fletcher says. "Motorways have redrawn the geography of the north and Britain as a whole. For too long northern cities and towns have individually taken the begging bowl to Westminster, competing with one another for industry and rejoicing if a factory turing during the last past moved from one city down the decade. He wants power de-road, to another."

MANCHESTER airport is the fastest-growing airport in Europe and among the top 20 in the world. More than 11 million passengers passed through its doors last year.

The airport has an intrinsic role in the development of the Transpennine corridor, although the contributions of the smaller regional airports at Liverpool, Leeds-Bradford and Humbernide are not overlooked.

Manchester airport, served by a spur from the M56, is within a two-hour drive of 60 per cent of Britain's manufacturing industry, including electronics, pharmaceuticals aerospace and vehicle production. The sirport's growth is expected to increase. Gil Thompson, the chief executive of the sirport, says: "The rising steelwork of our £600 million international terminal

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1998, allowing it to handle 24 overcrowded southeast. Other million passengers a year. The airports in the region also new terminal, it is claimed, intend to expand their facilnew terminal, it is claimed, will create 10,000 jobs directly ities to take act and a further 40,000 jobs growing traffic.

regionally and nationally. Other developments include phase three of Manchester's world freight terminal, which will almost double its capacity, and a rail link to be in operation by 1993. With a growth in freight of 26.5 per cent a year since 1985, Manchester has overtaken Munich, Barcelona and Ge-neva as a freight airport.

At Liverpool airport, British Aerospace has completed a study to construct a purposebuilt airport to act as a hub for passengers from the United States flying to other Euro-pean destinations. The airport would include a second runway, new terminal facilities, a high-speed rail link and motorway connections. The partly the result of the shortage of runway capacity in the

ities to take advantage of the

Last year Leeds-Bradford airport handled nearly 900,000 passengers, 27 per cent more than in the previous year, and made an after-tax profit of nearly £1.3 million. Most of the growth has come from scheduled operators

tions and hopes to pick up charter traffic once its 500metre runway extension has been built. The runway is too short to allow fully isden charter jets from Mediterranean holiday destinations to land. The number of pasincreased from 72,000 in 1979 to 154,000 last year, but the airport authority hopes the development programme will allow it to increase that figure increasing the size of their to 500,000 passengers a year.

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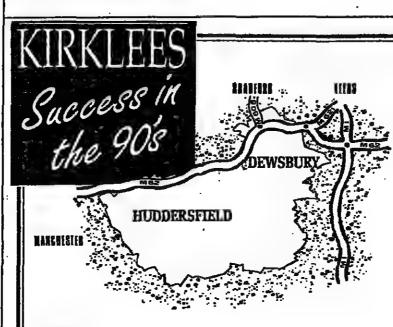
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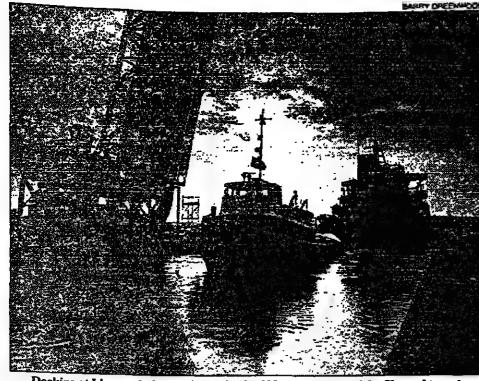
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Docking at Liverpool: the port is bracing itself for the opening of the Channel tunnel

# The boats come in again

THE GOOD times are back of Northern Foods at Hull, a investment in new facilities for Humberside. In the past "disaster". and has reopened its 17-acre year, the Humber estuary has grown into the UK's leading ports complex as trade with European Community counin the estuary last year han-

Immingham, Hull, Grimsby and Goole, operated by Associated British Ports, are complemented by more than 40 independent wharfs.

in the short to medium term and improvements, although of Volkswagens and Audis. the failure to fund the MII expansion all the way to the Humber bridge was, says Chris Haskins, the chairman bulk cargoes, is planning

Immingham, which can take 120,000-ton ships, is Britain's busiest port in terms of cargo movement and fourth tries has expanded. The ports biggest in terms of cargo volume. The growth in condled a record amount of tainer and roll-on, roll-off traffic has added to its The Humber has more than business. The Fred Olsen line 100 berths. Four main ports, and the Maersk Group between them have 40 sailings a day to Iceland, the Conunent and the Mediterranean.

Grimsby has successfully developed its processing in-More than £100 million has dustry and 250,000 tons of been committed by investors fish are handled every year. The port is also an entry point and more than £500 million for foreign cars and handles has been spent on new roads about half of the UK's imports

The smaller ports of Hull and Goole have also grown. Hull, which handles liquid

Transpennine supporters

believe the only real way to re-

lieve congestion on the M62 is

to build a new, parallel motor-way. A Manchester-Sheffield

motorway is greatly favoured, to be linked with the M18

which leads to Humberside.

of which David Fletcher, exec-

utive director of Trans-

pennine and a countryside

commissioner, is well aware,

It would mean driving a road

through the Peak national park, which would enrage

environmentalists. The nat-

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come up with a compromise.

They suggest that the abandoned Sheffield-Manchester

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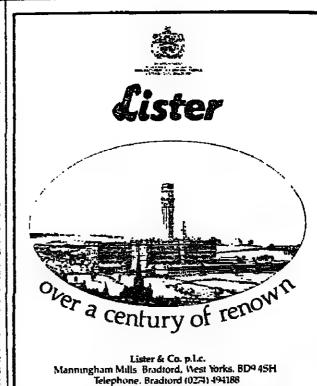
re-opened and widened for

Mr Fletcher and others have

container terminal. Last year Hull won parliamentary approval for an expansion plan involving the creation of three new roll-on, roll-off berths.

On the other coast, the port of Liverpool, once almost £2 million in debt, has raised productivity at Seaforth, its 600-acre freeport. Since opening in 1985, the freeport has handled almost 20 million ton. Although expectations that the port would act as a bridge between the United States and Europe have not been fulfilled, there are hopes that more trade across the Irish Sea will boost business.

Transpennine backers believe the region's ports can meet the challenge of the Channel tunnel, so long as business and industry look north to the facilities it offers.



# Road to a stronger economy?

The motorway crossing the country carries many potential

benefits, but already it appears a victim of its own success

M62, already established as a main trade route in the United Kingdom, cames a higher proportion of heavy goods than the national average. Certain secuons are busier than the M25, handling 130,000 vehicles a day, and 25 per cent is freight, compared with a national motorway average of 15 per cent.

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The statistics have good and bad implications. The potential for creating a transpennine region along the motorway corndor is virtually self-evident, but there are already areas of congestion, particularly around the Manchester conurbation.

Schemes to improve traffic flows have started. Around Manchester, for example, there is a £300 million plan for a Greater Manchester western and northern relief road linking the M6 to the

lane route from Eccles to Huddersfield over the Pennines, giving better access to West Yorkshire for Stockport and Manchester airport.

These, and other improvements, however, will prob-

M66. The result will be a four- ably be insufficient to absorb the growth of economic development along the M62.

Justin Kornberg, the chairman of Transpennine, would like to see the M62 developed

test route for the creation of an "electronic highway". Vehicles would carry instru-

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ments to give warnings of traffic bold-ups and alternative routes. However, even in harmony with European this may not solve the prob-Commission guidelines as a lems caused by the expected

road use. The cost, however, appears prohibitive. UK manufacturing plant on a 30-acre are near Castleford, creating 500 jobs. Digital is to

open new offices in a £20

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The corridor is slowly being seen as an area of enormous potential. Unemployment, however, is higher than the

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THE EROSION of the north's manufacturing base over the years has meant not only a reduction in output, and rising unemployment, but a collapse in confidence, which has only

lately been overcome. Chris Haskins, the chairman of Northern Foods, based in Hull and the vice-chairman of Transpennine, de-

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many northern companies have moved their headlabour is available for the food quarters to the south. industry, and American and European food and distribu-There are signs, however,

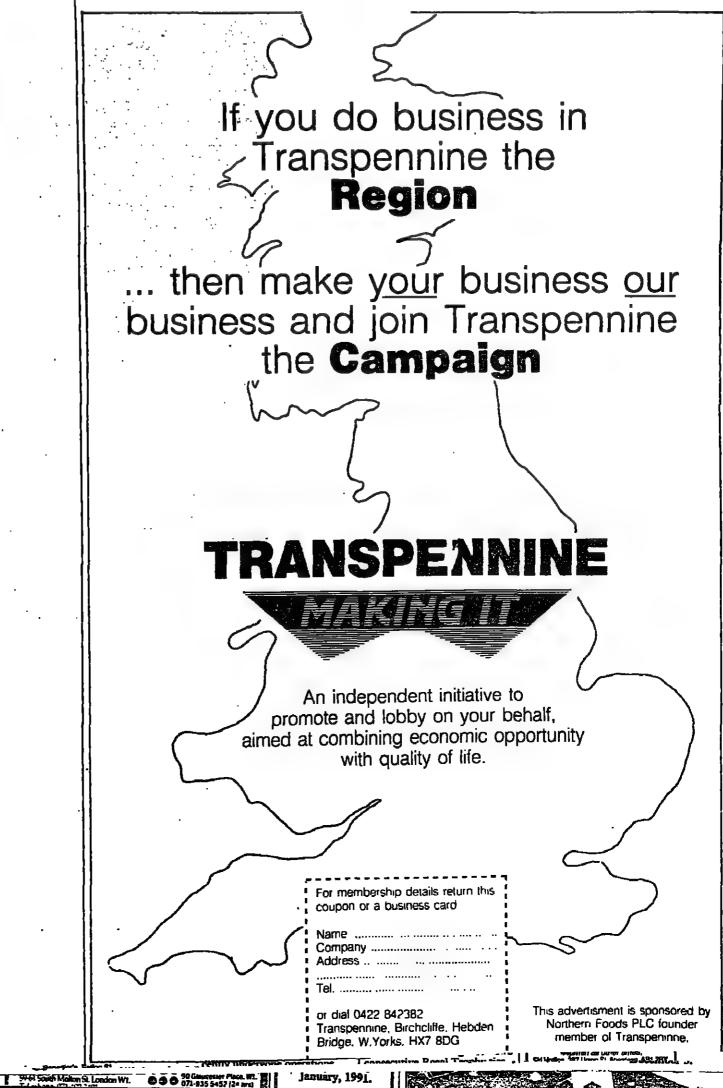
that the tide could be turning. Mr Haskins says the corndor is the perfect location for what he believes is the great British relocated its headquarters scribes it as "a scandal" that so growth area of the 20th cen-

tion companies, from Kellogg and lubour Manchester to Heinz in Wigan, have bases in the region. Shell Chemicals UK Electronics of Japan decided

Pilkington, at St Helens, is to build a £70 million float glass factory. The attractions have included availability of land Earlier this year, Pioneer

to invest £20 million in its first there is also a skills shortage.





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## Recruitment study shows growing need for training

By BRIAN COLLETT

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Mrs Hamilton said: "People are

not moving quite so much right now but we are looking at the

position long-term. We know the

next five years will see huge changes at all levels."

MR FRIDAY

"Of course I haven't appealed before — I've only just come round from falating!"

CHANGES in the recruitment market, ranging from secretaries to executives, have been charted in a six-month study by Susan Hamilton, whose recruitment agency has offices in central

London and Knightsbridge. Susan Hamilton Personnel Services, of which Mrs Hamilton is managing director, recruits secretaries, graduates, language experts and catering executives and offers an executive search service.

The research was aimed at giving the company more edge in its market-place. The survey discovered that the most important changes have been in the executive market and the Hamilton enterprise has used the results

to form long-term policy.

Mrs Hamilton said: "We are adjusting, probably before the

The survey weighed up the skills shortage caused by the Seventies birth-rate dip, listed the demands of executives in the Nineties and discovered developing roles for

Mrs Hamilton said: "Our sur-vey was aimed at finding what employees expected in the next five years. They wanted language training and new technology. Training was terribly important. People also wanted fringe benefits and security.

"Younger people were looking at prospects and growth potential. The young particularly are becoming more demanding."

She added; "We did a lot of

studies of women. We found high-

Clocking up a career change By DAVID THURLOW

vicarage in the north Pennines. John and Eileen Roe run their They have had their share of problems but are looking forward to their least fretful Christmas for

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was necessary. Companies must several years, now that their realise women are going to be company is on its feet. The Roes mainly repair and estore old clocks but will also They must introduce flexitime job-sharing, refresher courses and other means of encouraging

tackle guns, musical boxes and phonographs with tender, loving Hamilton McGill Associates, a care after which their company, new division of Susan Hamilton TLC Restoration, is named. The remote property, which has a view of Hadrian's Wall, has its Personnel Services, was formed in April to handle executive recruit-

own generator and water is supplied by a spring.

TLC is the end product of Mr Roe's battle against ill-health and a law over common land registration, which caused the family

three years of worry.

Mr Roe, aged 50, previously had a successful career as a garage manager. He worked in the Buxton area of Derbyshire for a big company. But twelve years ago he began to suffer ill health and went into insurance, selling in Derbyshire. After two years, he and his wife went house-bunting because they wanted to live in what they called "the real countryside". They found the old vicarage, 1,765 ft above sea level, at Coalcleugh, Northumberland.

Mr Roe planned to add another nsurance agency to the one he had but the recession of 1979 scuppered that plan. He continued with the remaining business until three years ago when ill-health forced him to cut down on driving, which was vital to his

Fortunately, his hobby was



Taking time for repairs: John Roe performs his restoration work with tender, loving care

shooting and repairing guns. He learned to repair clocks from a gun engraver whose hobby it was and from a clock restorer. His former hobby then became his business.

Mr and Mrs Roe intended to sell their home to raise capital for the new enterprise but they fell foul of a national row over the registration of common land, which ended up being debated in Parliament. Their home had been registered wrongly as standing on common land long before they bought it. Although the mistake had been accidental, it resulted in three difficult years, during which the Roes lived on social security. When the matter was cleared up, 18 months ago, Mr Roe formed his business

He said: "We were very doubtful about success because we were so under-capitalised."

the enterprise allowance scheme. Fortunately, he already had the £15,000-worth of tools he needed. and some of the finishing work, tomers but the company made a £6 loss. However, TLC Restora-

for the quality of its work and follow-up service. Mr Roe said: "I realised that to

break even in any business in the first year is good. Things were starting to take hold and we still had a few family heirlooms we Mr Roe was given £40 a week by could sell, if necessary."

Mrs Roe took on the book-keeping The first year produced cus-

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second year, the future looks Mr Roe said: "At the mome we are making a living and

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AN ANGLO-Australian franchising link has been created by FMM, a British franchising consultant, and Franchise Systems of Australia. The two are linking to provide mutual advisory see vices encompassing licensing and franchising. The aim is to help European businesses looking to develop in Australasia through franchising or licensing, as well as assisting Australian companies seeking to move to Britain. Details from FMM. Brent House, Rad-ford Road, Crawley, Sussex.

Focus Communications has launched three financial public relations packages aimed at small companies. The fees are fixed and range from £7,500 to £18,000 a year. The most basic service covers writing and distribution of statements, including direct issues to the International Stock Exchange, securing maximum possible coverage in the financial media, and general mid-ance. Details from Focus at Prince Rupert House, 9-10 College Street, London EC4.

Fraser & Russell, chartered accountants, has set up a persona business unit within its audit and accounts department in Chelms. ford, Essex. It aims to provide a service for small businesses including start-ups, on a cos effective basis. Contact: 0245 354402.

B BDO Binder Hamlyn, the chartered accountant, has produced a useful aide-memoire to help small businesses arm themselves against recession. The publication covers ways to reduce costs and working capital through cutback proce-dures and checklists and looks at improvements to stock control and cash management. Copies of Surviving the Recession are free from C H Brown, BDO Binder Hamlyn, 20 Old Bailey, London

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The dark clouds of winter have a silver lining, at least for the few remaining car buyers with money to spend as the recession deepens. As the market in new cars coughs and splutters its way to the end of a miserable year, sales of used vehicles are depressed, and the demand for classic cars, which last year brought good cheer and top

Bankruptcies approaching record levels and company belt-tightening have killed off thousands of orders from the kind of buyers who helped to fuel the boom last year, ordering office cars and buying classics as

The keys to company cars are being handed in by the dozens, sending a flood of nearly-new vehicles into the auctions and used car lots as receivers try to retrieve some money for creditors.

The good news, however, is that buyers who are not struggling with huge mortgages or high interest rates can pick up some remarkable deals. For the price of a sales representative's runabout you could invest in the luxury of a car just like the managing director's.

Bargains galore are standing in line on garage forecourts and in auction houses. New car sales are clearly at their weakest. Sales for 1990 are down by 12 per cent on last year and show little prospect of improving in December, traditionally one of the poorest months of the year.

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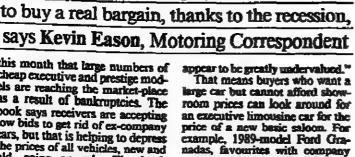
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Discounts, special equipment offers and cheap finance have been in evidence throughout the year and will increase in the next two months as manufacturers try to revive their wilting order books, CAP Black Book, one of the key registers of used car prices, says

Fancy an executive saloon, classic car or even a nostalgic Trabant (right)? Now is the time to buy a real bargain, thanks to the recession,

this month that large numbers of cheap executive and prestige models are reaching the market-place as a result of bankruptcies. The room prices can look around for book says receivers are accepting low bids to get rid of ex-company cars, but that is helping to depress the prices of all vehicles, new and old, going on sale. The book managers, were on offer this week warns: "Directors' and staff cars at about £9,000, well below the



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£11,000 or £12,000 they were

fetching earlier in the year.

Even the auction houses have taken on an air of desperation. Last year, Britain's rising class of entrepreneurs were outbidding one another for investment cars", including Ferraris, Aston Martins and Rolls-Royces. Now

cheque books. Robert Dawkins, the car specialist at Phillips, the London auction house, says collectors' cars are being put under the hammer by owners trying to retrieve some cash from their dwindling assets. "The market has reached its bottom, so it is hard to go any lower. This is the time to buy if there is anyone looking for a

One car will add substantially to its value, no matter what the state of the market, when it goes to auction tomorrow. Phillips is selling a Trabant, now one of the most infamous cars in the world, at its sale room at Salem Road, Bayswater, west London, on be-half of the PAF Benevolent Fund.

ast German "Trabbies" have acquired a soft spot, in the affections of Westin the affections of Western motorists, mainly because, unlike the unlucky owners in the old GDR, we have not

Apert from the chance to own this little piece of motoring his-tory, the car also comes with a 40page log book showing all eight previous owners, Phillips says it has 91,000 miles on the clock.

A 22-year-old East Berlin wait-ress paid 12,000 Ostmarks for this two-cylinder, plastic-bodied run-about, the equivalent of two years' salary. As soon as the Berlin Wall fell, she sold it to an RAF officer to acquire the car of her dreams, as

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### France into top gear

The European Car of the Year is the Renault Clio, the replacement for the French company's popular S-series mini-car. The Clio won 312 points from the 58 jurors in 17 countries ahead of strong entrants from Japan and Britain. Neither the Ford Escort nor the Rover Metro featured, although Nissan's Primera mid-range model, built at Washington, Tyne & Wear, was second with 258 points and judges put the Vauxhall Calibra and its futuristic lines in third spot with 183. Mazda's MX-5 was joint fourth with the Peugeot 605, and the Toyota Previa was sixth. Nissan was not dismayed by the Enro vote as its Primera picked up its third national award this month. Finland is the latest nation to wote the Washington-built Primera as its car of the year.

#### Ring of confidence

A message to frustrated cellphone users hanging on: put the handset down for a moment. The Federation of Communication Services says a quarter of cases of bad reception are due to faulty or poorly sited acrials. The federation is setting antenna specifica tions conforming to the Land Mobile Radio Quality Assurance Scheme. Look out for federation membership before fitting a car

#### It's a crime

The British Vehicle and Rental Leasing Association is looking for better vehicle security before its annual anti-theft awards early next year. The association, Britain's most influentual ficet car organisation, was unable to make the award last year because no manufacturer had done enough to prevent car crime, which costs £1 billion annually. The judging panel has sent out an ominous warning that it will expect substantial improvements when it

#### Hot on the trail

The abilities of Land-Rover's new Discovery 4x4 vehicle are being recognised by the police. The Dyfed Powys constabulary has taken delivery of the 2.5-litre turbo-charged diesel Discovery to patrol the largest police area in England and Wales.

#### Calling Elvis

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tie's sale room in South Kensington, London. No bids will be taken from listeners, although they will be able to hear the auction by dialling 0839 500379 or 0898 500379. Another number of interest to Presley fans is G1 BLU, recalling the 1960 movie G.I. Blues. Also on sale: D! SCO.

#### Still rising

The rise and rise of the Japanese in the United States, mainly through increased production from transplant factories there, is hitting the big three manufacturers, Ford, Chrysler and General Motors. Between them they have closed 14 assembly plants and laid off 40,000 workers. Meanwhile, Honda confirms that the Accord is the best-selling car in the US and the Japanese are taking about 35 per cent of the market.

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#### **Dearer Seats**

Seat the Volkswagen-owned Spanish manufacturer, is raising prices by up to 5 per cent this month. The base model Marbella 850 will be £4,240 and the top-of-the-range Ibiza 1.5 SXi £9,299.

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DRIVING on the crowded streets of a town or city can be both tiring and uneconomical. Forcing the car up and down through the gears means dozens of pushes on the clutch, causing excessive wear and expensive maintenance.

Switch to a car or a van with an automatic gearbox and the losses are in petrol economy. Automatic hoxes also take away some of the control from drivers who like the feel of a manual gear change for

The solution of taking the best

boxes is enjoying a revival of interest. A.P. Borg & Beck, the component manufacturer et Leamington Spe, Warwickshire, has devised a "clutchless" gear-box, which could be fitted to massproduced vehicles within the next

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The system is simple. The driver can select gears as normal through a manual change, but the clutch is activated electronically by a control box, which senses engine speed through a "throttle

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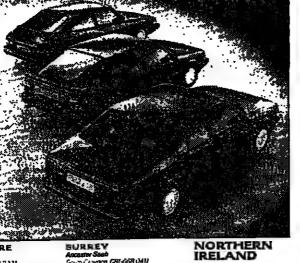
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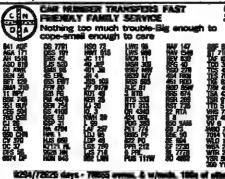
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# Political balance of school governors lawful

Regins v Warwickshire
County Council, Ex parte DillRussell and Another
Before Lord Justice Mustill,
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Following local authority elections, council appointed school governors could, under the provisions of section 8(5) of the Education (No 2) Act 1986, face re-appointment or replacement to as to ensure that the number of governors nominated by each political party stayed in proportion with the representation of those parties on the council.

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The Court of Appeal so held dismissing appeals by two gov-ernors, Mrs Jill Dill-Russell and Mr Richard Cheney, from the refusal by the Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice Legeatt and Mr Justice Nolan)
(The Times July 5) of their
applications for judicial review
of decisions of Warwickshire of decisions of Warwickshire
County Council that (i) all local
education authority governors
of county and special schools be

Before Mr Justice Morritt

[Judgment November 23]

The court had no jurisdiction to sanction a scheme under section 49 of the Insurance Companies

Act 1982 for the transfer of long-term insurance business wher-ever carried out, but could sanction that part of the scheme

that was confined to insurance

business conducted in the

Mr Justice Morritt so held in a

reserved judgment in the Chan-

cery Division on a petition by Eagle Star Insurance Co Ltd

In re Weldtech Equipment Ltd

A reservation of title clause in

the standard conditions of sale

of a German company relating to goods supplied to an English

company, which had gone into liquidation, was held void as

egainst the liquidator in so far as

it related to book debts owed to the company by purchasers of the goods on resale.

The clause, governed by Ger-man law, purported to assign the book debts to the Carrier

book debts to the German company, but because it con-

stituted a charge over the book debts it was registrable under section 395 of the Companies

Act 1985, and had not been registered and was therefore void against the liquidator.

United Kingdom.

provides: "Any foundation governor of a voluntary school, or governor of a county, voluntary maintained special school appointed otherwise than by being co-opted, may be re-moved from office by the person or persons who appointed him."

applicants; Mr Patrick Elias, QC and Mr Alan Wilkie for the LORD JUSTICE MUSTILL

said that argeed with the Di-visional Court. Mrs Dill-Russell had been reappointed a governor of the Marie Corelli Special School in September 1988 as one of the

Jurisdiction to sanction part of

insurance transfer scheme

long-term business carried on by Insurance to Eagle Star Life Assurance Co Ltd ("Life") which provided for the transfer of that part of such business

which was carried on in the UK.

and for certain ancillary orders under section 50 of the 1982 Act for the implementation of that

The petition was opposed by Mr Ralph Instone, a general policy holder with Insurance and a shareholder in its ultimate

Mr Justice Hoffmann so held

HIS LORDSHIP said that it

in the Chancery Division on October 29 in giving judgment on an application by the liq-uidator of Weldtech Equipment

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Assurance Co Ltd sanctioning that part of a scheme for the transfer of the

Eagle Star Insurance Co Ltd Mr Richard Sykes, QC and ("Insurance") for an order Mr David Mabb for Insurance

Reservation of title

clause void

Section 8 of the 1986 Act rovides: "Any foundation governor of a voluntary school, or overnor of a county, voluntary Social and Liberal Democratic party, who had nominated the two applicants, was thereafter over-represented.

The essence of the applicants' challenge was that the removal of governors to reflect the new political weighting was unlawful because a governor, once ap-pointed, could be removed under section 8(5) only on rational grounds connected with their performance as governors. To remove them for purely political reasons was not a legitimate exercise of that

The arguments for and against that proposition were dominated by the House of Lords' decision in Inner London Education Authority v Brunyate ([1989] 1 WLR 542),

MR JUSTICE MORRITT

said that the object of the application was to prepare for the single European market in 1992 by separating the long-term business from the general business of insurance and vest-

Man, Cyprus, Hong Kong, Malta, Jersey, Guerosey and The Netherlands.

under which long-term business carried on outside the United

Kingdom was to be transferred.
It followed that the court had no jurisdiction to sanction the whole of the scheme.

Mr Instone submitted that the

being sanctioned by the court. His Lordship did not agree.

not properly be regarded as including a separate scheme for the transfer of business carried

Applying the principles laid down in that case, it was accepted that the sole remaining plicants were right in their sure of party discipline.

proposition that "once a governor is appointed the political composition of the council and the political views and affili-ations of the governor cease to be relevant" The Divisional Court had held that that proposition was not right. Lord Justice Leggatt

said that it had to be acknowledged that at the stage of appointment or re-appointment party political considerations can legitimately operate" and that the action of the council was a "legitimate purpose con-nected with the proper conduct by the local education authority of its functions in the interests of suring that the governors are directly representative of and reflect the political persuasions of the councillors for the time

Those pronouncements were not inconsistent with the Brunyate decision, Brunyate was concerned with the usurpa-

tion of the governors' indepen-dence by appointees who wished them to toe the party line and who removed them as a mea-

Nothing of the kind was here involved. The applicants were simply the casualties of an agreed scheme of political weighting. Although Brunyate had laid down principles of great importance regarding the relationships between local authorities and the governors of schools, those principles did not bear on the present case.

There was sympathy for the applicants who, after a period of loyal, and successful service, found themselves unceremo hounded out niously could not be translated into a conclusion that the council acted outside its powers in doing

Lord Justice McCowan gave concurring judgments. Solicitors: Bates Wells & Braithwaite; Mr D. G. Carter,

#### **Preferred law reports** for citation

and Life; Mr Ralph Instone in Practice Direction (Law Reparts Citation)

As a general rule, law reports containing counsel's argument should be cited in argument in preference to other reports, Lord Donaldson of Lymington, Mas-ter of the Rolls, stated in a practice direction delivered on

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The application was opposed on the ground that the court had no jurisdiction to sanction part only of the scheme.

The point depended on the proper construction of sections 49 and 50 of the 1982 Act. In his Lordship's Judgment it was plain from the legislative history that sections 49 and 50, if otherwise ambiguous, had no application at all to schemes under which long-term business by the Incorporated Council of Law Reporting for England and Wales should be cited in preference to other reports, where

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that was not the case, should themselves provide an appro-priate number of photocopies.

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scheme contained no severable part or parts which could be identified as a scheme capable of Company Ltd v Jubilee In-Eurance Company Ltd Order 11, rule 1(1)(d)(h) of the Rules of the Supreme Court, He could see no reason why a scheme which proposed the transfer of all long-term busi-ness wherever carried on could

Rules of the Supreme Court, governing service of a writ pursuant to it. conside the jurisdiction, applied only where "the principal trading or residing out of the jurisdiction" was the defendant, not where that principal was the plaintiff.

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# Luxembourg

## Trade mark protection is not restraint of trade

essentially to establish whether articles 30 and 36 of the EEC

Treaty prevented national leg-

another member state of similar

products which, in the latter state had a trade mark which

was identical or confusingly

similar to the protected mark, even where the mark under

which the disputed products

had been imported had ong-

inally belonged to a subsidiary of the undertaking which was

trying to prevent the imports and had been acquired by a

third undertaking following the expropriation of that subsidiary.

In the light of the reasoning given in the order making the

reference and the arguments

before the Court relating to the relevance of the Court's judgment in Case 192/73 Van Zuylen v Hag ([1974] ECR 731).

the Court considered it necessary to review the interpreta-

tion given in that judgment in the light of case-law which had

gradually developed in the field of the relationship between

industrial and commercial prop

erty and the general rules of the

Treaty, in particular in the area of free movement of goods.

Trade mark law constituted

an essential element in a system

of competition without distor-tion which the Treaty sought to

establish and maintain. In such

a system, undertakings had to be

able to develop consumer loy-alty through the quality of their

products or services, which was only possible by reason of the existence of distinctive signs enabling those products and services to be identified.

A specific purpose of trade

mark law was to guarantee to the holder the right to use the mark

for the first introduction of the

thereby to protect it against competitors which might wish

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(Opinion March 13, 1990) LJudement October 171

Where a trade mark had originally been owned by a single undertaking but had sub-sequently been acquired by an entirely unrelated undertaking without the consent of the former, each of the holders of the trade mark might oppose the importation and distribution, in the member state where the mark was held, of products produced by the other trade mark holder in the case of similar products bearing an identical or confusingly similar

made mark. The Court of Justice of the European Communities so held in answering questions put to it by the German Bundesgerichts-hof (Federal Court of Justice) for a preliminary ruling under article 177 of the EEC Treaty. Hag GF AG was a German

company founded in 1906 and it produced and distributed decaffeinated coffee according to the process which it had

In 1908 it had two trade marks registered in Belgium under the name "Kaffee Hag". In 1927 it established a subsidiary company in Belgium trad-ing as "Cafe Hag SA" which was wholly owned and controlled by it. The latter had registered at least two trade marks, one of which related to the mark "Cafe Hag". In 1935 Hag GF AG had also transferred to the Belgian subsidiary the marks which it

had registered in its own name in Belgium.

In 1944 Café Hag SA was sequestrated as being enemy property. Subsequently the Belgian authorities sold the company to the Van Oevelen family, in 1971, Cafe Hag SA trans-ferred the marks which is held in Beneiux to Van Zuylen Frères, a firm based in Liège. Van Zoylen was later transformed into a company trading as SA CNL-Sucal NV.

In 1985 Sucal began to supply decaffeinated coffee under the "Hag" trade mark to the Germun murket.

Hag GF AG, which main-tained that "Kaffee Hag" had acquired the status of a famous brand in Germany and that its product was, by virtue of a new manufacturing process, superior in quality to the coffee supplied by Sucel, brought proceedings in the German courts for an injunction restraining Sucal from infringing its trade mark. On appeal the Bundesgerichts-

was the absence of any element of consent on the part of the

SA CNL-Sucal NV v Hag GF hof referred a number of ques- another member state, under an tions to the Court of Justice for a identical or confusingly similar mark of a similar product preliminary ruling. In its judgment the European manufactured by an undertak-Court of Justice held: The national court sought economic ties with that trade

In those circumstances the Treaty prevented national registation from allowing an undertaking which held a trade mark holder of the right could not avail himself of the possibility opposing the importation of similar products under a description which might lead to because, in such circumstances, identify clearly the origin of the product bearing the mark and the holder of the right might have attributed to him the poor quality of a product for which he would be in no way responsible.

That approach could not be affected by the fact that the mark protected by national legislation and the similar mark borne by the imported product pursuant to the legislation of the member state of origin had belonged initially to the same holder who had been dispossessed of one of the marks following an expropriation car-ried out by one of the two states prior to the creation of the Community.

From the time of the expro-priation, and the despite their common origin, each of the marks had independently fulfilled in its own territorial area the function of guaranteeing that products bearing the mark derived from a single source.

It followed that, in a situation such as in the present case, where the mark had originally had a single proprietor and where that unity of holder had been broken following an expropriation, each of the holders of the mark had to be able to oppose the importation and distribution, in the member state where the mark was held. of products deriving from the other holder where they concerned similar goods bearing an identical or confusingly similar trade mark.

On those grounds, the European Court ruled:

to abuse its position and reputation by selling products unlawfully carrying the mark.

In order to determine the exact scope of that exclusive right it was necessary to take into account the essential purpose of a trade mark which was to granted to consumers the Articles 30 and 36 of the EEC Treaty did not prevent national legislation from allowing an undertaking which was the proprietor of a trade mark in one member state, from opposmember state of similar goods lawfully bearing an identical or confusingly similar trade mark to the protected mark, even In applying those considerations to situations such as that described by the Bundesgerichtshof, the determining fact though the mark under which the disputed product had been imported had initially belonged to a subsidiary of the undertaking which was opposing the importations and had been acquired by a third undertaking following the expropriation of that subsidiary.

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# When a horse bites the hand that feeds it

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The ghosts that stalk Tyson

THE "racing industry", they call it. Well, if racing is an industry, it is an extremely peculiar one. The Zetland report demonstrates that racing is heading for financial disaster. Half the trainers are thinking hard about getting out of

Racehorses are the canaries down the mine: they are hypersensitive to the poisonous at-mosphere of recession. When we feel a pinch, racing feels a crunch. More and more owners are reducing their commitments: a race-horse is, after all, a fairly obvious area of personal economy.

Racehorses have always provided a finely honed method of losing money but never have the figures been as daunting. The report shows that owners lose 80

Racing has enjoyed some good years. Owners and owning syndicates rushed to enjoy the fun and prestige of owning a racehorse. Now the dilettantes are backing out and the long-term lovers of the game are cutting down. Such is life: such is

the boom years? Why hasn't racing got a nice financial hump, like a camel, for these arid times? It seems impossible that racing

Owners are in the game for love and glory. And so are most of the stable lads. Racing and horses cater for an addiction to the switchback ride of victory and disappointment. Lads are highly skilled people, as anyone who has ridden an oated-up thoroughbred will confirm. They work long hours but the satisfac-

Talking hands: Tyson aims to be even more articulate in this precise branch of body language on the big night

and at question time there emanating from no one knows They will say they saw me unified it once and I will unify

He claims his change of being unable to dip into a trust of skills or a lack of commu- of the WBCl, the most noble

attitude is due to growing up.
"You have to mature every 30 and rows with King over to be able, unlike Jacobs, King Misquoting from Shake-

blonde girl.

a dog after I die."

outside in a Ferrari with a it again.

Charlie Parker, and Dizzy Gillespie said to him: 'When

you die, they are still going to

talk about you.' I thought they'll be talking about me like

and Rooney, to protect Tyson

from such stories or to keep

him free, as he needs to be, of

weight title if he did not first

was as exchangeable as flash-light batteries before," Tyson

"I saw this movie about the press conference to go

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f boxing. trickeration, to use a King It was depressing to hear invention, of Dan Duva, who

where, like dirty jokes. Who

idea of spreading disinformation? Or is it the

old story of no smoke without

Michael Marley, in the New

complaining about

York Post, reports stories of

Tyson running away from

John Horne, King's camp co-ordinator, said: "They are

absolutely false and untrue.

Mike took off Friday because

he wanted to. We all left for

the weekend and we picked up

Mike when we returned. Mike

is not unhappy about any-

thing. He's bored as hell. He's

Tyson replied: "People are gonna write what they gonna write about me. They will say

been totally bored."

a boxing camp fire?

starts them? Is it someone's

desperate state?

them now. Too much of racing's money has gone into the bookmaking industry. Here the word "industry" can be understood in a more conventional way.

industry that appears to have been run for years entirely for the benefit of another industry. Owners and lads have, in their various ways, subsidised racing while bookmakers have made money.

A Tote monopoly, in which much of the money bet on racing all their love of it, more and more owners, lads and trainers are talking about getting out of the sport. How come, with all this prize-money is worth racing for.

goodwill, is the industry in such a But British racing lost that chance a long time ago.

The Tote has never managed to The reasons go back into pre-history and it is far too late to alter there now Too much of racing's there now Too much of racing's always managed to look like a poor relation to the bookies: the less attractive option.

Meanwhile, the bookies are less buoyant themselves these days, even though the industries that traditionally do best in a slump are brewing and betting. The bookies are not likely to be over-enthusiastic about offering a further whack to the Levy Board, or working more closely with the Tote, as

Zetland suggests.
It is said that these hard times will force the industry to become leaner and harder and to get rid of dead wood and bad horses. Bad horses is a concept I cannot admit

have gone into the business with unrealistic expectations. Be sure the slump shall find these out.

The point is that racing really should not be in such a state. People are in the game for love: they are willing to dedicate their lives to horse and to hazard. People have been flinging money and time and skills at racehorses

It is sad that the racing "industry" has not been able to make more of this. Racing cannot carry on like this. More trainers, owners and lads will leave the industry: there will be fewer yards, fewer meetings, fewer courses and fewer horses. Either that or a revolution: but that has never been racing's

GOLF

#### Faldo and Norman make little impact

MELBOURNE (Reuter) - The world's two leading players, Greg Norman and Nick Faldo, found themselves upstaged by unheralded rivals in the opening round of the Australian Classic

ere yesterday. While Norman and Faldo had trouble coping with Royal Mel-bourne's fast greens — scoring 71 and 72 respectively — Chris Patton, of the United States, and the New Zealander, Simon Owen, both returned cards of 67, four under par, to share the

Jacobs followed by Tyson's estrangement from Cayton and the dismissal of Rooney, Faldo made a promising start and was one under at the turn as the result of a birdie three at the third. But he found the bushes at the dog-legged 11th and took six, dropping two strokes. Some poor putting on undulating greens at the 15th and 16th sent him tumbling to three over.

Then, having stalked away from the 16th while his playing partner, Colin Montgomerie, was still on the green, Faldo regained his composure to finish with two birdies for a 72. Norman spent most of his round in the shadow of his

partners, Peter Senior, of Australia, who birdied the first three holes before slipping back to even par, and the American John Morse, who won last week's Australian Open. Morse was three under by the

fifth and lipped the cup with several further birdle attempts before two dropped shots late in the round pulled him back to 70. Owen, playing behind Norman, was far from disheartened at seeing the crowds constantly

melt away as he approached tees and greens. He went round without a bogey and had four birdies in the first 12 holes. Owen, who will celebrate his fortieth birthday on Monday, said he owed his improvement Peter, a male nurse who lives in Melbourne and acts as his partto a up irom dis you

While Owen plays regularly on this heavily bunkered course Patton marked his first visit with and up-and-down round. The 1989 US amateur cham-pion three-putted his first two holes and said: "I usually figure that to do well you need a good opening six holes. At that stage I was one over, so I was pleased to effect for he repaired the damage by those two early dropped shots by scoring aix

The US PGA champion Wayne Grady, disappointed his home gallery with a 74, dropping four shots on the inward

LEADING FIRST NOUND SCORES:
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and more clear that the former

world heavyweight champion is missing the ordered life his

old team of Jim Jacobs and

Bill Cayton, his managers, and

Kevin Rooney, his trainer,

Don King, which stepped in to

advise him after the death of

cannot fill the gap that three

Rooney particularly was a solid link with the world of

Cus D'Amato that still means

so much to Tyson. "I miss Cus

deeply, especially when I'm

running, but I feel his pres-ence. That's our time to-

gether," he said. Perhaps he

misses his old guardian and

mentor even more now that he

Some months ago Tyson

received 48 stitches under the

right eyebrow because of wild

sparring with Greg Page.

While one cannot say it would

not have happened under

Rooney, it appears symp-tomatic of problems in his

Tyson puts on a brave front

when talking about defeat by

James "Buster" Douglas last

February but from his behav-

iour before the press and

public he does not seem a

happy man despite being full of his 11-month-old boy,

Daily News, recently he rationalised his defeat. "Paul

Pender beat Sugar Ray Robin-

son twice. Shut him out. Made

him look bad, stupid, Does

anybody today say Paul

Pender was a better fighter

than Robinson? Hey, life goes

on. Things happen. Things

Tyson's training sessions

are marred by a lack of rapport

might happen again."

When talking to Stan year," he says. "I am a Hochman, of the Philadelphia different person now than

has lost his world title.

The new organisation of

gave him.

has not made the money to keep going in the manner to which it has been accustomed, for racing is an industry that has the unusual distinction of being subsidised by its major shareholders and by its

Trainers are getting out as well, according to Zetland. What has happened to all the money from many of the best ones leave when

they start families. They cannot afford to stay in racing: the pay is

All lads are subsidising the sport by their acceptance of this, but lads with families who stay in racing are subsidising the industry as much as an oil sheikh.

Racing has an enormous amount going for it. Any "in-dustry" whose shareholders come in expecting to lose money and are quite willing to do so, and with workers prepared to do all the tough, dangerous and dirty work for buttons, is clearly on a good

But racing is still in trouble. For

Racing is, in fact, the only

**POLITICS IN SPORT** 

## The fall of empire followed by an outflow of talent

THE defection, now legal, of prominent sportsmen throughout eastern Europe to capitalist oases is causing turmoil in the once all-powerful communist nations who dominated much of the Olympic scene.

Sport in some socialist countries - or recently socialist countries — is bordering on the point of collapse. Political and economic changes of the past year, not least in the Soviet Union, will substantially alter the international balance of sporting power.

This was more than ever apparent at the annual meeting of the sports leaders of socialist countries at Varna, Bulgaria, last week. Dr Georgi Hristov, president of the Union of Fiscal Education and Culture in the host country, revealed that the Bulgarian government had no budget for sport in 1991, and that the ministry for sport was almost totally dependent on a substantial sum that was to have been paid by the former East German sports ministry for high-altitude training facil-

It is not known whether this contract will be honoured under the unified German sports organisation. Just one more of the multiple responsibilities and debts that are falling upon the economy of western Germany.
So varied is the ideological

and economic status of the socialist countries that Juan Antonio Samaranch, the president of the International Olympic Committee, recommended that the Varna meeting should be the last one staged by this formerly affiliated group, as it could offer no practical answers to the many problems. Each country, Samaranch suggested, must find its own solution to the present predicament.

Nikolai Rusak, the USSR minister for sport, expressed concern on three fronts: the demand of the Baltic states and of Georgia for independence; the commercialisation of sport and market forces; and the movement of athletes from country to country with changes of citizenship.

Rusak stressed, perhaps ambiguously, that the USSR would continue to field only one team in international competitions. However, he opened the possiblity of athletes from western Soviet regions taking part in European events and from the east, in Asian championships. It is unlikely that international federations would tolerate this proposition: and this will accentuate the various demands for independence within the USSR.

Bogdan Duviez, the Romanian sports minister, claimed 1992.

DAVID MILLER CHIEF SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

that western countries were literally buying athletes from the poorer east. A slightly ironic example is that of two medal-winning Bulgarian weightlifters, who remained behind in Budapest following the recent world championships. Old communist demarcations are confused.

Hungary and Czechoslovakia, where the economy is relatively stable and successful, were two countries presenting an optimistic forecast. Rezho Galov, head of the Hungarian department of PE, said that the government has a sports budget for 1991. The Hungarian delegation echoed Samaranch's doubts about the value of future meetings, saying they felt a closer identification with the Association of European National Olympic Committees and with the Council of Europe.

Vera Caslavska, a famous Olympian who is the new leader of Czechoslovak sport. has initiated ambitious developments, Pavel Klapusz, the secretary of the sports confederation, said that thriving specialist seminars reflected a mood of confidence.

Dr Hristov and Ivan Slavkov, the IOC member for Bulgaria, were, like Romania. pessimistic about the continabroad, and suggested that international federations should do something to limit

this movement. Cuba, whose influence in the communist world declines in parallel with the political contraction of that ideology, is seeking to maintain a European presence with the proposed launch of the European Olympic Hopes Contest, for competitors a year younger than the are limit for current European junior championships. Cuba's preparation for the Pan-American games in August next year are progressing satisfactorily in spite of controversy over the contract for US television rights.

Efforts continue in the unification of sports teams between North and South Korea. Friendship at this year's Asian games was unambiguous, though on the part of spectators from the North it was very much according to official prescription. The two countries are discussing the possibility of a single team in 1991, beginning with the world table tennis championships in Japan, and possibly even the Olympic Games in

Mons Cup. MOSPORT NEWS: Eurosport 18.30-19.00

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**RUGBY UNION** 

# Price well aware of his product

with the public and the press stories that never stop I'm gallivanting at a party. said, "Everyone had a title. I

By GERALD DAVIES

JONATHAN Price, as marketing director of the Welsh Rugby Union, could be said to have been entrusted with the task of brushing up and dusting down the frazzled and discredited mage that Welsh rugby has acquired over the last declining decade and turn it into a highclass act once more.

"Welsh rugby has something special to offer," Price says. "It has flair, passion, a respected and honourable tradition. It is held in great affection throughout the community. There is strength to this heritage which is crying out to be successful. But t seems to have come apart over recent years. "There is a need to find that

common thread so everyone can pull in a more unified direction. The image must be of an efficient and effective administration run by a responsible body governing a sport which is attractive and appealing to all levels of society, particularly

If Price's conversation is anything to go by, he has that quality which Denis Evans, Union (WRU), seeks in all his employees: energy. Price was born in Knighton on the Welsh marshes but the family moved

#### Hartley forced to stop playing

GARY Hartley, the Nottingham and England B centre, who played more than 200 games for the club, has retired (David Hands writes). He fractured his laryux in the summer of 1989 and these and cheer whilese and throat and chest problems since then have persuaded him to stop playing. Harfley, aged 28, joined Not-tingham as a student at Trent

Polytechnic in 1981. Nottingham have been joined by David Wright, formerly of Pontypool but who went to Leicester this season

Barry Evans, Leicester's England international wing, makes his third comeback attempt of the season in a club match against Blackheath tomorrow rity guests will be after shaking off a persistent money for the fund. Calls cost 339 per min chesp rate, after shaking off a persistent money for the fund.

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to Exeter when he was 13.

After reading economics at Durham University, he joined Price Waterhouse in London as a trainee management consul-tant in 1985. A change in career three years later saw him join the public relations and sponsorship consultancy firm, Loy and Partners.

Loeking for new clients, he was introduced to David East,

seems to be more than a

lectern or a desk between him

and the journalists. Whereas

length, now it is no more than

a grudging five to ten minutes with a little eye contact with

the group at large, then a

sudden "I gotta get out of here,

when I was 20. When I was

21, I found out how much of

an idiot I was at 20. When I

was 22, I realised how dumb I

was at 21: when I was 23, I

couldn't believe how dumb I

had been at 22, and at 24, I

look back at 23 and say what

His unbending attitude

could also have something to

do with the "shock horror"

an imbecile I was at 23."

in the old days he talked at

then WRU secretary, and began being an outside consultant to the union. He became a full-time employee in September.

"I have visited one rugby club after another every weekend to ascertain what their needs are." Price says. "Admittedly, there is a feeling of scepticism born of not knowing quite what a marketing director does. Born, too, of disillusion after being let down by other promises in the past and which have come to

"I have to explain that it is important nowadays to promote rugby. There is a very compet-itive leisure industry, with rugby being only one sport among many. In other words, we need to package our product in such a way to make it attractive to the existing audience as well as to the future potential audience. Welsh rugby, too, needs to exploit all the commercial

"The money is necessary for the game to develop in the future and I need to emphasise that if the WRU does not possibilities, then someone else will. At present, for instance

there are vast sales of Welsh jerseys bearing the three-feathers logo. But Welsh rugby gains no royalties from these. The profit belongs to someone who does not give anything back into Welsh rugby. Soon the WRU will register its own logo and will then grant licences for its use and for a financial return." Price is combative, his casual

demeanour belying, perhaps, something of a bar-room brawler beneath. This was shown recently in his exchange with the rugby league authorities who constantly undermine the developing fabric of the union game.

When the word "amnesty" emerged from the WRU, and rugby league accused the union of "arrogance", Price called their response the "whingeing of a frichtened mort unable to

a frightened sport unable to produce sufficient talent of their He explains: "There is a sense

something after the event has occurred, and usually negatively. We need to concentrate on the positive elements of rugby union and not, as so often happens, to be apologetic. "Rugby league is a successful

competitor. Perhaps this means that it is necessary to highlight the weaknesses of that competitor. If so, I will not shirk my responsibilities to the union. If it means putting out a competitive sales pitch, so be it. "You wouldn't expect the

chief executive of Coca-Cola to stand back and heap praise on Pepsi's marketing activity, would you? So I have to ask a player who is thinking of turning to the professional code: can the thrill of running out on the Arms Park be matched by losing to Papua New Guinea? Or what is the league's equivalent of playing in a World Cup com-petition where 16 different countries take part and which will be projected to a world-wide television audience of more than two billion people across

"But equally we cannot be complacent in facing rugby league's ability to promote itself. Welsh rugby must recognise that that Welsh rugby has tended to be reactive rather than proactive to rugby league, as it has been in much else. It responds to want to stay in rugby union."

## Schools fix up match for Roberts

THE spinal injuries sustained by Stephen Roberts, when representing Bath Colts against Nottingham Colts in their last game of the past scason, sadly left him paralysed for life (Michael Stevenson writes). It was full-time nurse and expensive, specialised equipment if he is to live anything approaching a tolerable life.

Links between Stephen's school. King Edward's, Bath, and Treat prompted the idea of a benefit match between the two schools that will be played at Nottingham RFC next Tuesday, December 11 (6.30), in aid of the Stephen Roberts Trust Fund. Admission will be by special programme and celebrity guests will be collecting

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against Sherborne (12-6) and Milifield (27-12) is an awesome task. Having lost both, Bishop Wordsworth's have won every match, amassing 386 to 81 points conceded Their November record is noteworthy: played: seven; won: seven; for: 213; against: 14.

Their top try-scorer is Richard Hill, the No. 8, with 30 and they have good representation at county level. They have won their first three rounds of the Daily Mail Cup and no victory will have pleased more than their 12-10 defeat of Mariborough. Twenty years ago Bishop Wordsworth's played against Marlborough 3rd XV. Bishop's Stortford are in fine 3), Perse (previously 17-3), and Felsted (18-15). The Hertfordshire 18-group have selected five of their players.

King Edward VII, Lythan won ten from 11 matches, scoring 220 points to 55 conceded. Most notably, they de-prived Woodhouse Greve of their unbeaten run with the King Edward's pack coming strongly in the second baif to Loretto were unbeaten in

November, defeating Edinburgh Academy (41-7), Kelvinside (19-6), Fettes (29-0), Sedbergh (4-3) and Glasgow Academy (39-5). King's, Tanuton, carned the admirable record of 12 wins and

## All Blacks keep the Wyllie way

Even as Tyson was leaving

back to his dressing-room,

King was shouting odds on the

WBC's move. It was a bit like

Speakers' Corner in Hyde

Park as King bawled out his support for "the honourable

speare, the Bible and even

calling up John Stuart Mill,

King proceeded with his case

It is as well that Tyson was

born with a knockout punch

his hands will do the talking.

They should see him through

to happier times.

By DAVID HANDS RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

DESPITE the tremors that have shaken New Zealand rugby, Alex Wyllie will coach the All Blacks in the defence of the World Cup next October. His appointment was confirmed by e New Zealand Rugby Football Union council in Welling ton yesterday but an assistant coach will be named within the

There has been criticism of Wyllie's refusal to bring in an assistant to coach the backs, which developed during the tour of Wales and Ireland last seaso and grew louder during the summer. First Scotland ran the All Blacks close in two inter-nationals, and then in August the Australians terminated a four-year, 50-match unbeaten run. Among the critics was Wayne Shelford, the No. 8 dropped by Wyllie after the series with Scotland and now playing with Northampton.

Wyllie, first appointed in 1988, was sole coach to the party which lost two regional matches in France in October but then emerged triumphant in both internationals. Those wins, in Nantes and Paris, doubtless clinched Wyllie's position ahead of four other candidates, one of whom was John Hart, the former Auckland coach who remains a selector, as does Lane Penn, of Wairarapa Bush, Penn coached the New Zealand des elopment team which scored 40 tries in five matches during their unbeaten tour of Canada

Whether Wayne Smith is in coaching job remains to be seen but he has been appointed coach to New Zealand's sevens squad next year, Smith won 17 caps between 1980-5 at stand-off half and centre. • Trebanos, the Weat Wales

and of Bishop Wordsworth's played and Glasgow Academy (39-5). Trust against Marlborough 3rd XV. Bishop's Stortford are in fine be by 1 celeb-offertle, having won 12 from 13 matches, scoring 350 points in the flourish of a 45-3 win against matches, scoring 350 points in the process. Their most recent the process. Their most recent 15 matches are played and Glasgow Academy (39-5). Club, who beat Laugharne 12-3 in the third round of the Schweppes Welsh Cup, have been expelled for fielding inclination. What one defeat ending the term with the flourish of a 45-3 win against gible players. Laugharne will been expelled for fielding inclination and Densign White General Players. Laugharne will been expelled for fielding inclination and Densign White General Players. Laugharne will be been expelled for fielding inclination. What one defeat end in the direct round of the Schweppes Welsh Cup, have been expelled for fielding inclination. What is the flourish of a 45-3 win against players. Laugharne will be been expelled for fielding inclination. What is the flourish of a 45-3 win against players. Laugharne will be been expelled for fielding inclination. What is the flourish of a 45-3 win against gible players. Laugharne will be been expelled for fielding inclination. What is the flourish of a 45-3 win against gible players. Laugharne will be been expelled for fielding inclination. What is the flourish of a 45-3 win against gible players. Laugharne will be been expelled for fielding inclination. The flourish of a 45-3 win against gible players. Laugharne will be been expelled for fielding inclination. The flourish of a 45-3 win against gible players. Laugharne will be been expelled for fielding inclination. The flourish of a 45-3 win against gible players. Laugharne will be been expelled for fielding inclination. The flourish of a 45-3 win against gible players. Laugharne will be been expelled for fielding inclination. The flourish of a 45-3 win against gible players. Laugharne will be been expelled for fielding inclination club, who beat Laugharne 12-3

**TODAY'S FIXTURES** BOXING: BSB 14.00-16.00. Screensport 10.00-12.00 and 21.00-22.30: Professional events. Eurosport 21.00-21.00: Duent Andries v Guy Waters.
CHICACT: Str. One 05.45-13.45: World Series: England v Australia. BBC1 01.00-01.50 (concrrow): World Series Cup: Begind v Australia. FOOTBALL

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SNOOKER: World Matchplay SPORT ON TV

SERICAN FOOTBALL: Screensport 12.00-1.00: CoSeps metch, C4 17.30-18.00: Red 1. 888 18.50-19.00, 20.00-22.00 and 00.30-2.30 (tomorrow): Netfore) Football Lesque, SECETBALL: Screensport 18.00-20.00. 02:30 (tomorrow): Neti BASKETBALL: Sorsen

OUT WOLLEYBALL: Screeneport 07:30-08:30: Germany v Turkey, WORLD SPORTS SPECIAL: Eurosport 18:00-TRY THIS

Denis Tingay's suggestion for a sporting day out

JUDO: British national champion-ships: The Introduction of this season of a rankings system in place of national trials, possible places in the British squad, and national honours are at stake.

More than 200 of British's judoka compete at Crystal Palace tomorrow, including the favourits in the heavyweight category, Eivis Gordon, winnar of two Commontwealth gold medals. In the lighter classes, John Newton and Densign White defend their titles, while Kerith Brown competes in his first tournament since reurning from a two-

Seven weight classes in the men's and women's tournament, representing the very best of British talent, will be decided. Competition starts at 9.30am, with the finals at HOW TO COMP

about 3.30.

HOW TO GET THERE: The National Sports Centre is in Crystal Palace, on the A324. Ample parking spece is available. By rail, regular services run to Crystal Palace from Clapham Junction and Victoria. The stadium is a short walk from the station. Admission is \$3.50 for adults and \$1.50 for children. Admission is co. or 21.50 for children.

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TOPSHAM Bay, whose five successive victories this year include three at Cheltenham, looks capable of capitalising on that experience by winning the final chase of the BMW series there today.

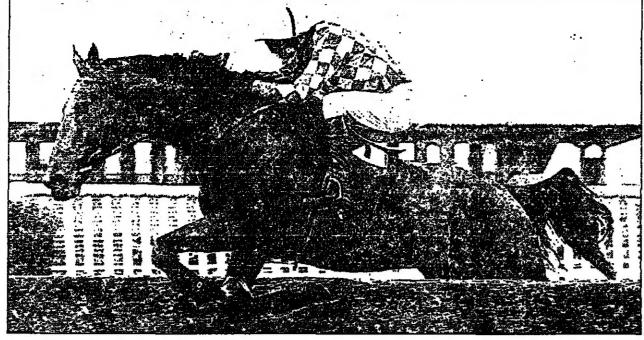
Trained in Devon by David Barons, Topsham Bay first came to the fore when he beat his stable companion Royal Battery by four lengths to land the covered National Hunt Challenge Cup over four miles at the three-day festival last

Four weeks later, he made a triumphant return to Prestbury Park and won the Thomsons Novices' Handicap Chase over today's shorter

After cruising home in his first two races this autumn, at Devon & Exeter and Newbury, Topsham Bay had to work harder for his most recent Cheltenham win when he was all out to beat Bigsun

sore after that event, but tively in the Hennessy Cognac Barons gave the assurance that Gold Cup at Newbury last my selection is fit and ready to month, are set to do battle give of his best again today, again in the Food Brokers and he should prove very hard Fisherman's Friend Handicap to catch, especially if he Chase. adopts his now customary

front-running role. Of his six rivals only Cheltenham meeting, Sam Da Okeetee and Speech will be Vinci proved a disappointcarrying their correct weight, ment in the big Newbury Like Topsham Bay, Okcetee chase where he never really ended last season on a high. managed to get into the action He too began this term where proper. In the circumstances, I he left off, but he was dis- think it advisable to side with appointing at Stratford last Master Bob, who stuck to his time as indeed was Speech at task in a most admirable way



Topsham Bay, a fancied contender for today's BMW series final at Cheltenham

by W lengths. who finished second, fourth, Topsham Bay looked rather seventh and tenthth respec-

After looking so good when winning during the previous

that day.

be fazed by Cheltenham. Early in the programme, Martin Pipe's useful filly Hopscotch can continue on her merry way by winning the Charlton Kings Three-Year-Old Novices' Hurdle.

In a relatively short jumping career, she has now won three times over today's course and distance and seven times in all.

Anyone who fancies Banker's Gossip to extend his winning sequence by capturing the Coral Golden Hurdle Qualifying Handicap will be first hoping to see Purple

last season's National Hunt finished first and second at Uttoxeter yesterday or on festival, he is clearly not one to Huntingdon earlier in the Town Moor this afternoon. I SC3SOn.

> For what I regard as the best bet of the day, though, I am turning to Doncaster where Dalkey Sound is napped to win the Red Alligator Handicap Chase. A leading member of Mary

Reveley's increasingly successful Cleveland stable, Dalkey Sound has aiready looked in irrepressible form at both Sedgefield and Kelso On the last occasion she

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1.45 CHARLTON KINGS NOVICES HURDLE (3-Y-O: £2,872: 2m) (5 runners)

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2 ACCESS SUN 9 (M McGrids) J King 11-0 R Dumwoody 86
5 FAR TOO LOUD 42 (8 Yerd) N Gaseleo 11-0 A Adams

BETTING: 6-4 Hopsootch, 9-4 Access Sun, 8-1 Capability Brown, 8-1 Far Too Loud, 12-1 They All Forgot

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3.30 CORAL GOLDEN HANDICAP HURDLE (Qualifier: £3,574: 3m) (8 BSC2

601 16-1151 SIR CRUSTY 27 (C,F,C,S) (M Ash) FI Holder 8-11-13 N Mann (3) 83 811- AUK EYE 231 (G,S) (Mrs H Richards) K White 6-11-5 A Chariton A Chariton 1600 24 BROCTURE GREY 21 (D,BF,F,S) (D Playforth) Mrs G Reveley 6-11-2 M Duryer 9-21 18-1876 FI.YING DANCER 20 (D,F,C,S) (Mrs S Bramel) Mrs S Bramel 8-10-12 J O'Gormen (3) 88 95 212-032 SQUIRE JIM 27 (F) (The Pough Racing Team) N Twispon-Davies 6-10-5 C Llevellyn 94 822-111 BANKER'S GOSSIP 15 (C,F,G) (Mrs M Sutton) D Nacholson 6-10-7 R Durwoody 92 822-143 LOOK LIVELY 18 (F,G) (The 39 Partmetship) J Giffron 5-10-0 R Rowe 88 923-75645 TRAIN ROBBER 18 (W McKenzie-Coles) W McKenzie-Coles 5-10-0 W Invins 78 Leng bandicap: Look Lively 9-5, Train Robber 8-8.
BETTING: 9-4 Sir Crusty, 4-1 Banker's Gossip, 8-2 Squire Jim, 5-1 Brocture Grey, 6-1 Auk Eys, 10-1 Look Lively, 14-1 others.

1989: VAGOG 4-10-11 P Scudemore (8-4 fav) M Pipe 8 ran

FORM FOCUS SIR CRUSTY stayed on strongly to best source JeM (5lb better oif) 4! in a here handicap (3m it, good to firm).

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2 2FU-S11 DALKEY SOUND 16 (D,F.G.S) (G Brown) Mrs G Reveloy 7-11-0 P Niven 93
3 111-P10 TRICEPOINT CHARLE 16 (D,F.G.) (J Stoddert Ltd) W A Stephenson 10-11-8 A Merrigan 95
4 23-431F WORTHY (MIGHT 16 (D,F.G.) (T Onsiey) B McLean 9-11-8 J Caberte 99
5 3/112P- EBONY SWELL 298 (S) (S Campion) S Campion 9-11-2 P Midgley (T) 97
5 F04-331 | LRC (T A LOT 14 (D,F.G) (Mrs L Lewis) R Lee 7-10-10 W McFariand 7 314-655 MISTS OF TIME 17 (F.G.) (J Noden) C Vernon Miller 7-10-0 S J O'Neil 91

BETTING: 5-4 Dallay Sound, 9-2 Vulcony's Clown, 11-2 Worthy Knight, 7-1 Trigpoint Charlie, 8-1 I Like It A Lot, 16-1 Mists Of Time, 20-1 Ebony Swell.

1985: WIGTOWN BAY 6-10-10 P Niven (10-11 fav) J Mackie 3 ran

1989: SAYYURE 3-10-12 G McCourt (5-4 fav) N Tinkler 9 ran

1989: CROGHAN STAR 8-10-7 W Worthington (4-11 lav) J Dooler 2 ran

2.0 RED ALLIGATOR HANDICAP CHASE (£3,435: 2m 4f) (7 runners)

2.30 SAUCY KIT NOVICES HURDLE (3-Y-O: £1,935: 2m 4f) (4 runners)

3.0 MERRYMAN II NOVICES CHASE (£2,193: 3m 122yd) (4 runners) PP-6324 EASTERN MENSTREL 21 (P Plan) W A Stephenson 6-10-12 \_\_\_\_\_ 5 HELL RAISER 13 (J Thorpe) J Thorpe 11-10-12 .....

BETTING: 5-6 The Milroy, 5-2 Eastern Manstrel, 7-2 Cot Lana, 16-1 Hell Raiser.

3.30 JULIET NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (£1,870: 2m 150yd) (11 runners) KARENDA (A Budge (Equine) Ltd) Jimmy Fitsgeraid 4-10-12..... KENALOODA (F O'Rourke) L Codd 4-10-12.....

MOUNT ARLEY (Miss L Heliwed) Mrs V Aconley 4-10-12. 

ZOLABERRY (F Christon) Mrs G Reveloy 5-10-12...

3 8/125-2U THE MILROY 28 (SF,F,C) (I Naylor) O Sherwood 7-10-12. 4 834-F83 COT LANE 14 (R Griffiths) F Yardey 5-10-10.

Long handlosp: Mists Of Time 9-8.

2.20 BMW SERIES FINAL HANDICAP CHASE (£14,360: 3m 1f) (7

Sound in handicap at Kelso (2m 6f, good to soft). Soft. Previously best Chipchese 12l at Catterick (2m 1f | Selection: TOPSHAM BAY

(£7,440: 3m 1f) (7 runners)

2.55 FOOD BROKERS FISHERMAN'S FRIEND HANDICAP CHASE

believe that she has made the right decision.

At the end of the programme stable companion Cowaste Fountain can complete Mrs Reveley's day by winning the Juliet National Hunt Flat race.

Finally, I will be disappointed if Norman Conqueror, who ran with much promise at Newbury first time, fails to win the EBF Novices' Hurdle qualifier at Devon where Rositary can land round four of the South-West Racecourses Amateur Riders' series with the experienced Marcus Armytage in the

# of stable hygiene plan

Taunton yesterday condemned the "absolute madness" of Jockey Club stable hygiene proposals, which are set to cost racecourses an estimated £2

Tony Shewen said his course not afford the extra money and would be forced to pass it on to owners at a cost of about £20 per box.

Next Monday, the Jockey Club is expected to approve a new instruction to courses requiring all occupied boxes to be cleared completely, thoroughly cleaned, sprayed with disinfectant and provided with new bedding.

Under existing rules all soiled bedding is removed from occu-pied boxes after racing and the boxes and remaining clean bedding are sprayed with

In a letter to owners and trainers yesterday, Shewen said: unable to handle this extra workload for which an outside contractor will be employed at a cost of about £20 per box. There is no way that this additional cost can be absorbed by the racecourse other than by reducing prize-money, or by passing the cost to owners.

"As the majority of races at courses, are already run for prize-money at the minimum basic rate, we will have no

THE clerk of the course at this charge directly to owners the punter needs protection. It from next April."

Shewen said later: "There is at present a clear and workable race. Why no enquiry." which only needs to be properly enforced to make it effective. The Jockey Club should send an inspector to courses and if it is not obeying the present rules their licence should be taken

The proposed new rules would cost £1,000 for each of Taunton's 12 meetings. "It is absolutely ridiculous and com-plete madness. I feel terribly strongly about it," Shewen said.

Controversy off course was course at the picturesque west country track, involving the riding of Manuale Del Utente, the heavily backed 7-4 on favourite, by Jonothan Lower.

The young rider was over-confident as he led with two flights of hurdles remaining in the opening contest, the Chard Selling Hurdle. He looked over his shoulder three times but appeared not to notice the challenge of Jimmy Frost on Repaldo until it was too late. Overtaken 50 yards from the finishing line, he was unable to rectify his mistake.

observers, the stewards failed to enquire into the riding performance. Simon 'Dodger' suspected broken left collarbone after being unseated from McCartney, a professional gambler, said: "It is outrageous I Colin, in the amateur riders' bler, said: "It is outrageous. I didn't have a bet in the race but I

was disgraceful and everyone in the stands is talking about the

Martin Pipe, trainer of Manuale Del Utente, said: "Perhaps the stewards ought to have ported the horse put its head in the air, I don't really want to say too much about it.'

On a happier note, Robert from Rope in the Bickpolles Novices' Handicap Hurdle to record his first win on British soil for two years. Chapman. aged 28, won the conditional jockeys' championship in 1983and the Imperial Cup on Desert Hero the same season. In recent months be has been riding in France where he has enjoyed seven victories. He is

crossing the Atlantic shortly in an attempt to break in to American racing. • The conditional jockey Russ Garritty will be out of action for three weeks after breaking a bone in his ankle at Catterick on Wednesday. Garritty was kicked by a fallen horse while riding Sugar The Pill in the Ellerton Juvenile Novices' Hurdle.

To the amazement of many . David Parker was taken to Colin, in the amateur riders' handicap chase at Uttoxeter

### **Clever Folly attempts Budge Chase double**

CLEVER Folly is likely to be Greystoke trainer Gordon Richards's only runner in the 11-4.

CLEVER Folly is likely to be feature and have cut David Nicholson's chaser from 7-2 to THE Lambourn trainer Charlie Nelson and jockey Steve AF Budge Handicap Chase at

Cheltenham tomorrow. His other entries, Full Strength and Highfrith, are almost certain to miss the £40,000

Full Strength, second in the H
& T Walker Chase behind
Blazing Walker at Ascot last
month, is expected to return to SGB Handicap Chase a week

tomorrow. Clever Folly, who enjoyed a comfortable ten-length victory over Welsh Oak in the same event last year, will again be partnered by Neale Doughty William Hill report money for Al Hashimi in the Cheltenham

(with a run), 6-1 Cuddy Dale,
New Halen, Thar-An-Bharr, 101 Pins Pride, Skipping Tim.
Desert Orchid is the new 11-4
Desert Orchid is the new 11-4
Dancing Floor Claiming Stakes, favourite for the King George VI Rank Chase at Kempton

Park on Boxing Day with William Hill.

David Elsworth's grey is attempting to win the big chase for a record fourth time and a spokesman for William Hill, Traham Sharpe, yesterday said: The Desert Orchid fan club has been out in force today and we've laid the grey to lose £40,000 at 7-2." The Haydock winner Celtic Shot, dislodged as favourite, has eased to 7-2

#### Nelson and Horsfall fined £500

1-4. Nelson and jockey Steve Other prices: 4-1 Katabatic Horsfall were each fined £500 by The stewards found that Awe-some Power, who drifted from 5-1 to 10-1 in the betting, appeared to have been tenderly

ridden throughout the race.
They found both the trainer and jockey in breach of the rule which states all horses should be ridden to achieve the best possible placing.

The apprentice Neill Gwilliams, who rode third-placed Les Amis, was suspended for four days from December 15

#### CHELTENHAM Selections

#### By Mandarin

12.35 Purple Point. 1.10 Bad Trade.

2.20 Topsham Bay. 2.55 Master Bob. 3.30 Banker's Gossip.

By Michael Seely 2.55 Master Bob. 3.30 Banker's Gossip. The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 1.45 HOPSCOTCH.

#### Guide to our in-line racecard

1 112142 GOOD TIMES 13 (BF,F,G,S) (Mrs	D Robinson) B Hali 12-0 B West (7) 88
Racecard number. Six-figure form (F – P – pulled up. U – unsected rider. S – bros down. S – stepped up. R – refusi D – disqualified). Horse's name. D since last outing: F if flat (B – blinks V – visor. H – hood. E – Byeshield. C – course winner. CD – distance winner. CD – course	ught Jamest race). Going on which horse has won oil. (F - firm, good to firm, herd. G - good. ays S - soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider resp pus any allowance. The Times Private

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12.35 BRISTOL NOVICES I	TURDLE (£3,132	: 2m 4f) (6 runners)	

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103	3-5	BIGNOR HILL 15 (M Pinto) J Gilford 5-11-0	-
104	41-43	DICKIE'S GIN 35 (5) (J Wade) J Wade 5-11-0 K Jones	A 80
105	0-062	PURPLE POINT 41 (6 Parker) D Barone 5-11-0 H Davise LAST SHOWER 23 (G Williams) J King 5-10-9 J White	
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1.10 KINETON CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS I	HANDICAP CHASE (24,386: 2m) (7 runners)
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BETTRIC: 11-4 Royal Cracker, 4-1 Bad Trade, Beau Guest, 6-1 South Pool, 13-2 im

FORM FOCUS BAD TRADE looked in control, but had his bask made easier with the departure of Chipchase 2 DLL which beating Centre Attraction a distance at Ayr (2m 4f, 50f). Previously 4l 2md to Choice Challenge at Herchan (2m 4f, 50f). Previously 4l 2md to Choice Challenge at Herchan (2m 4f, 50f). Previously 4l 2md to Choice Challenge at Herchan (2m 4f, 50f). Previously 4l 2md to Choice Challenge when Deadline fell at the lists and was left to come home 25l clear of impeny at Wetnerby (2m 4f 100yd, 50f). Previously 3l 2md to Priscallen at Wetwick (2m, good). Selection: BAD TRADE

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### DONCASTER

#### Selections By Mandarin

12:30 Lakmon. 1.00 Hard Stuff. 1.30 Rawzan.

200 DALKEY SOUND (nap). 3.00 The Milroy. 3.30 Coweate Fountain.

Michael Seely's selection: 2.00 DALKEY SOUND (nap).

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Going: good to firm:  12.30 DOORKNOCKER NOVICES HURDLE (\$2,022: 3m 122yd) (3 runners)  1 F/F08-8U GEMTINO 9 (Miss J Wood) J Harris 7-10-12	i A Harris J O'Neil Keightiey	SIS
3 05-50 LARISOR 13 (Mississing Transfer Sunday).  SETTING: 4-6 Gembrio, 5-2 Lakmon, 7-2 Himari Sunday.  1989: MISS TMBER TOPPER 5-10-0 A J Quinn (20-1) Miss L Sidday 8 ran		

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#### Course specialists JOCKEYS TRAINERS

BETTING: 9-4 Cowgate Fountain, 11-4 Karenda, 6-1 Arcac Bloom, 8-1 Zolaberry, 12-1 Kits ndatay Mass, 14-1 others.

1989: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

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2.5 KENTON NOVICES SELLING HURDLE (£1,730:

#### Selections

DEVON

#### By Mandarin

12.30 Lexden. 1.0 Norman Conqueror. 1.30 Irish Lord. 2.5 Primatice. 2.35 Rositary. 3.5 Long-

Going: good to firm 12.30 CULLOMPTON CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,772: 2m 11) (7

1 236- LEXDEN SEF M Pips 4-12-0 M Poster
2 505- THAIL STAR 315 T Forster 6-11-6 J Railson
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7 P/SP VANSHING BOY 15 W G M Turior 6-10-2

1.0 EBF NOVICES HURDLE (Qualifier: £2,365: 2m

11-4 Norman Conqueror, 7-2 Ballyanto, 4-1 Wood Corner 6-1 October Winds, 8-1 Come On Toby, 10-1 others. 1.30 TOM GARRATT CHALLENGE CUP HANDI-CAP CHASE (£2,528: 3m 1f) (9) 1 211/ FLYING GOD HOL (CO,G,S) J Baker 10-11-11

1 211/ FLYING GOD 668 (CD,G,S) J Balcar 10-11-11
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Mrs Carbo (7)
4 6 BY FAR 16 O O'Nell 4-11-0 Y Sictiony (7)
5 6P02 JONANA B J For 4-11-0 Y Sictiony (7)
6 NALF A PINK 30 108F S Turron 3-10-5 S Earle
7 PRIMATICE 50F (B) M Pipe 3-10-5 G Bradiery
8 31US STRANGER STILL 16 (CD,BF,F) V B Stovens 2-10-5 K Meanner

2.35 SOUTH-WEST RACECOURSES MARES ONLY NOVICES CHASE (Amsteurs: round IV: £2,119: 2m 1f) (6) 1 2313 MISS FERN 6 (F) R Duckin 5-11-6

5 03-F ROSITARY 20 (5) S Mellor 7-11-0 8 6 P-06 WEST LODGE LADY 10 N Thomson 5-11-0

3.5 ALWYN TRUNDLE MEMORIAL CHALLENGE CUP HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,085: 2m 1f) (11)

1 133- PATRICK JAMES 226 (F,G,S) F Jordan 5-12-0 2 32-0 CELTIC BOS 15 (D.F.S.) O O'Neil 10-11-13 V Stattory (7) 3 3225 IAMA ZULU 14 (CD.SF.F.G.) P Hobbs 5-11-9 C Maude (5) 4 1-3F TRUSM 15 (D,SF,F) Mrs J Retter 5-10-13.... B Powell 5 -342 CUT A CAPER 18 (D,F,G,S) R O'Sulvan 8-10-9 D O'Sullivan (5)

6 3-00 MYLEGE 42 (D.G.S) P Leach 6-10-5 D O'Suttivan (S)
7 84-5 TROJAN SONG 10 (CD.F.Q) R Frost 6-10-5 J Frost
8 -0F3 LONGGHURST 8 (D.G.S) B Forsey 7-10-1... N Coleman
9 20F0 ITS ALL OVER NOW 29 (F) Mrs A King 6-10-0 P Deser
10 65-0 NORTHERN HALO 32 (D.F) G Ham 9-10-0 JOHN FEATHER 31 (D.G.S) William Pros 11-10-0...

9-4 Truism, 100-30 lame Zulu, 4-1 Cut A Caper, 6-1 Catic Bob, 8-1 Longghurst, 10-1 Patrick James, 12-1 others. Course specialists

TRAINERS: M Pipe, 94 winners from 39 runners, 30.4%: R Dickin, 4 from 16, 25.0%: P Hobos, 24 from 130, 18.5%: 7 Forster, 8 from 51, 15.7%; G Ham, 10 from 69, 14.5%: D Barons, 20 from 163, 13.1%.

JOCKEYS: G Brackey, 7 winners from 21 rides, 33.3%: C Maude, 5 from 23, 21.7%; A Tory, 3 from 19, 15.8%; J Frost, 28 from 205, 14.1%; B Powell, 35 from 251, 13.9%; S Smith Eccles, 6 from 47, 12.8%.

#### Results from yesterday's three meetings

Going: good to firm

12.45 (2m 110yd hdie) 1, REPALDO (J. Frost, 33-1): 2, Manuale Del Utente (J. Lower, 4-7 fevi; 3, Enterprise Lady (Mr S. Chfford, 16-1), ALSO RAN: 11-2 Dence Of A Gunner (8th), 18 Cam Kentdack, 20 Praroehe Guest (Sth), Milton Mise (po.), 25 Channor (4th), 40 Ahsanta Sans, Priory Bey (url. 50 Antique Andy, Murrary 8 Fox, Zulu Dencer (pol), 66 Elofshabrt, Marthester (pol), 15 ran. 24, 151, 8, 24, 31, R Hodges at Somenton, Tota: 245.05, 2470, £1.40, £1.50, 0F: £43.40, CSF: 249.08, Bought in for 2,700gns.

1,15 (2m 21 110yd ch) 1, ZMMMERSET

249.08. BOUGH in the 2,700ghs.

1.15 (2m 21 110yd ch) 1, 2UMMERSET (S Earle. 11-4); 2, Quarry Town (N Williamson, 5-2 fav); 3, High Imp (B Powell, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Court Repier (ur), Seaton Garl ur), 20 Indian Menor (f). 6 ran. 15l, 12l, A Barrow at Bridgweiter, Tote: 23.10; £1.80, £2.00. DF; £5.90. CSF; £8.97.

1.45 (3m hdie) 1. MISS POKEY (N Menn, 2-1 tev); 2, Lapiarite (J Frost, 9-4), 3, Ultra Violet (J Lower, 9-4). ALSO RAN: 14 Lasing Memory (pu), 16 Mexicare (4th), 50 Vintage Lad. 86 Sedgewell Lady (pu). 7 ran. NR: Poona Express. 11, 101, 114, dst. R Holder at Bristol. Tota: 22.40; 21.20, 22.00. DP: £4.20. CSP: £5.45. Tncast. 28.16.

2.15 (3m ch) 1, GREEN SECRET (8 Powell, 100.30); 2, Came Down (C Llowellyn, 11-10 lav); 3, Laura's Star (Miss H McCault, B-1); ALSO RAN: 5 Royal Hero (ur), 33 Dwale (4th); 100 Duncffle Dencer (pu), 6 ren. 6, 31, dest. C Popham at Tausmon, Totac 24.70; 52.20, 51.20. DF: 52.70, CSF; 56.44.

\$2.70. GSF: DS.44.

2.45 (3m hdle) 1, Waster GEBO (N Williamson, 6-4 fev; 2, Cooks Lawn (8 de Hean, 11-4); 3, Freuel Squad (S Earle, 20-1), ALSO RAN: 11 Faux Pavillon (pu), 33 Spar Lady (bd), 50 Rathmichael (4th), 56 Powder Boy (5th), 100 Burnt Oats (6th), Hazzard's Boy (pu), Mehonstown Bridge (f), Sovereign Deed (pu), 11 ran. 11, 101, 151, 31, 151. J Edwards at Ross-on-Wye. Tote: \$2.20; £1.20, £1.60, £1.90. DF: \$2.50. CSF: \$3.52. Lucky Landers (9-2) withdrawn, not under orders — rule 4 applies to all beta, deduction 15p in pound.

2.15 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, ROPE (R Chapman, 10-1); 2, St Elmo's Fire (B de Hash, 6-1); 3, Abu Musleh (Mr G Edwards, 11-4 ji-1av), ALSO RAIN: 11-4 ji-1av Monday Cato (5th), 6 Master Oddy (Iri), Spitire Atoliee, 18 Patrn Switt (6th), 20 Ch So Ripe (4th), 25 False Arrest, Sabre Long, 19 ran, 31, 31, 21, 21, 21, Mr F

£1.10. £1.50. DF: £21.30. CSF: £88.23.
Tricest: £193.13. After a stewards' enquiry the result stood.
Placeroot £5.70.

Wazzerd Magic (10-1). Irish Pansage 7-4
fev. 12 ran, 2%1, %1. R Hannon. Tote:
£4.50.£1.50. £5.40. £3.80. DF: 509.70.
CSF: £47.12. Les Arns finished third but

1.30 (3m 21 ch) 1, Mandraki Shuffle (J Osborne, 5-2); 2, Bradwell (11-1), 7-4 Fav Invasion, 5 ran (Only two finished), 31, O Shenwood, Tore: £3.20; £1.60, £2.60, DF; £11.50, CSF; £20.59. 2.11.50, CSP: £20.59.
2.0 (2m febs) 1. Glebelande Girl (L. O'Hare, 5-2 jt-lav); 2. Noce Mana (5-2 jt-lav); 3. Easy Tene (25-1). 9 ran. 3). 5l. R. Bennett. Tote: £3.80; £1.10, £1.60, £3.30, DF; £4.40. CSF: £3.32. Theast £109.46.

DF: § A.O., CSF: \$9.32, Include 12 109.46.

2.30 (2m ch) 1, Duke De Vendome (8
Smith Eccles, 8-15 few); 2, Knockenns (41); 3, Snake Eye (25-1), 5 ran, 1%i, dist,
Mrs. D. Haine, Tote: £1.60; £1.30, £1.40,
DF: £1.80, CSF: £3.03,

3.0 (2m 4f ch) 1, Auntie Dot (J. Osborne,
11-4; 2, Tactico (6-1); 3, One More Knight
(8-1); Astre Radieux 2-1 few, 7 ran, 7, 2%i,
J. Webber, Tote: £3.10; £1.50, £2.30, DF:
£3.50, CSF: £17.45,
3.30, Cm belief 1, Streeg Reesu (8, Dur-1

Discagot: £14.60 **Lingfield Park** 

## Going: standard 12.10 (1m) 1, Sno Serenade (N Day, 4-6 fev); 2, Vanroy (10-1); 3, Amenable (5-1), 10 ran, NR; Meita, Scots Law, 51, 74, R Boss, Tota: £1.60; £1.10, £1.80; £2.40, DF: £3.10, CSF; £10.19.

12.40 (71) 1, Say You WE! (Dean lex Sown, 10-1); 2, Yeoman Bid (10-1); 3, Meksown, 10-1; 2, Yeoman Bid (10-1; 3, Air Nymph (15-2; 4, Case For The Crown (10-1), Annell Rose, Niktas Angel and Meksu 13-2 ji-lavs, 16 ran, %, 1 %; M Naughton, Toes: £12.80; £4.10, £1.80, £2.40, £4.00, DF: £88.10, CSF: £103.79, Tracest: £736.77.

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Yesterday's Windsor meeting was cancelled because of fog.

DF: £14.DO, CSF: £17.64. Tricest: £187.39.
1.10 (1m 50) 1. Altrobelli (B Crossley, 12-1); 2. Link Market (4-1); 3. With Gusto (8-1). Crazby Bit 11-4 Isv. 15 ran. NP: Master Perre. 2. 1. P Microfil. Tote: £15.30; £5.80, £2.50, £4.0. DF: £47.90. CSF: £50.92. Tricest: £389.67.
3.40 (6) 1. Clear Comedy (F Perham, 6-1); 2. Persando (25-1); 3. Lady Philippa (7-2). Highland Magic 6-4 tav. 8 ran. Sh hd, 11-1. H Hannon. Tote: £8.80; £1.30, £3.10, £1.80. DF: £55.10. CSF: £103.69. Planescot: £86.60.

GSF: £47.12. Les Ams missed tiers bit after a sewards' enquiry was disquelified and piaced last.

1.40 (6n 1, Sef Aside (J Williams, 2-1); 2.
Blazing Belle (15-1); 3. Cumeassential (6-4 fev), 9 ran. 8; %1. D Elsworth, Tota: £2.60; £1.30, £3.09; £1.10. DF: £31.40. GSF: £31.45.



# Sheffield appears to have little hope of balancing the books

THERE are new fears that the those running the Games. It will lose more money than any event in the history of British

The Games, which will bring 6,000 competitors from 120 countries to Sheffield, are They are being underwritten by the city council, which has no option but to cut local services to find the funds necessary to hold the Universiade, the biggest competition outside the Olympic

Although a satisfactory television deal was concluded demonstrate "our confidence yesterday with British Sky in Sheffield's determination Broadcasting (BSkyB), which will act as the host broadcaster ful international event". and be able to relay pictures to more than 20 countries, sufficient sponsorship is unlikely to be raised.

June has been the director of council will pick up the tab". Games administration, has to report to the eight-man World cost of the facilities has al-Student Games (policy) sub- ready risen over four years committee on the income from £25 million to £147 expected from the event, the million, borrowed from banks facilities for which are the best and being repaid over 23 years in Britain and will be exten- from 1992 with a £26-a-year sively used by local residents

of the Liberal Democrats on would underwrite the facilities Sheffield Council and a mem- and that the Universiade GB ber of that sub-committee, Ltd would run the Games at said yesterday: "There has no cost to Sheffield residents. been a shroud of secrecy over the whole affair. In fact, it is now worse for the city council than when Universiade GB Ltd was running the Games." Universiade GB Ltd, a private the opening and closing cerecompany, with members of monies, which can be a great the council on its board, was attraction to sponsors. Even wound up in June with liabilities of £1 million.

Heslop, the leader of the Conservatives on the council, months, it now seems unlikely tabled a motion deprecating that the Games will draw in the lack of information from much more than £12 million.

ary 16: Sheffield nominated by

British Students Sports Federation for 1991 Games. Costs estimated at 829 million for new facilities and £25

million for running the Games.
July 9: Sheffield presents bid to
International Students Sports

November 29: 29 members of Fisu

executive committee visit Sheffield and vote to give the city the Games there is no other candidate after the

withdrawal of Turin). Costs esti-mated at £100 million for building facilities and £22 million for staging

1998
March 8: Peter Burns, former chairman of Crown Paints, is appointed chief executive of Universide GB Ltd, responsible for

running the Games.
October 16: There are reports that
Games organisers are 2500,000 in
debt and have asked for overdraft.
Peter Price, Sheffield City Council's
deputy leader, says: "We are throwing big dice and the members are a
bit nervous about the con-

nervous about the con-uences of 1991 onwards, when

running the Games.

Commonwealth Games, 1991 World Student Games was overwhelmingly defeated. which made a loss of £4.3 million, the biggest in British sport, the World Student The ruling Labour group says that £5.14 million has been pledged in cash and kind. But this is only pledged, not delivered. The few firm commitments include those scheduled to open on July 14. from the Sports Council (£3 million) and British Telecom (£500,000) and some local sponsorship, which has not reached £1 million. make savings of £35 million A tranche of £174,000 of the

Sports Council's contribution was paid recently following a visit by Peter Yarranton, its chairman, who said it was to and ability to mount a success-

Hesiop contends that the local authority involvement means "there is less incentive to obtain sponsorship because Ray Gridley, who since of the knowledge that the

The tab will be hefty. The levy on the community or generations to come. charge. Originally, it was David Chadwick, the leader planned that the council

Gridley has prepared three budgets to stage the event: £27 million, £22 million and £17 million. Adoption of the lowest figure would mean cutting with income from ticket sales and merchandising and mod-On November 28, David erate luck in obtaining sponsorship over the next six

THE TIMETABLE OF TROUBLE

£9 million, 37p on average rates bill

or 45p a week on community charge. August 22: After São Paulo with-

# Downhill on a slippery slope

BRIAN JAMES lifts the curtain on a downhill skiing season when the stage is more spectacular than the stars

Unlike the 1986 Edinburgh

Games are being underwritten

by a local authority. However,

it cannot increase its poll tax

for next year to offset any

deficit on the Games, because

it has been charge-capped by

the government. In fact, the

city council has already had to

on its revenue budget next

year because of government

spending cuts. This has in-

volved making 3,500 people

trying to balance the books.

was asked whether he would

consider dropping the budget

below £17 million by perhaps

eliminating some of the ten

sports. He replied: "That is

meeting this month to detail

what sponsorship had been

lined up. "I do not want to

announce anything until it is

signed, sealed and delivered,

but I shall be able to close

discussions now that the TV deal is settled," he said.

cult at this stage to anticipate

the income from the Games -

something true of all major

events - and pointed out that

the most important period for

obtaining new sponsorship

was the first six months of

1991, although many major companies will have already

settled their budgets for

sponsorship for next year. Gridley said: "We need the

British sporting and sponsor-

ship community to recognise

these Games for what they are:

a showcase for sports admin-

istration and one of the major

events in the world next year

Those people who doubt Shef-

to raise funds.

January 25: City Council learns organisers have already run up £3.3

field are in for a surprise."

He added that it was diffi-

He declined in advance of a

not a realistic question."

Gridley, who has the job of

redundant

Val d'Isère DOWNHILL skiers are the gods of winter sport. They descend from the peaks, as swift, vivid and dangerous as tracers aimed at mortals clustered at the finish. These they annoint with a dusting of snow from their final, contemptuously elegant turn. Then they lift their goggles, unhelmet, unmask, unbuckle — and disappear before our eyes.

The greatest burden on a sport set on the world's most spectacular stages is that it stands now almost entirely without stars: the downhill season that begins here this weekend has scarcely a skier who would be recognised beyond the end of his own village street.

The deadly glamour of what they do should put them beside racing drivers in the pantheon: yet any snooker player capable of making a 100 break without suffering a hernia has a higher recognition-factor.

A chronic shortage of idols became acute with the retirement at the end of last season of Pirmin Zurbriggen. The Swiss was far beyond competence in all disciplines and capable of brilliance at most but it will not be for his quips and insightful summaries that he will be missed. Zurbriggen, all power and elegance at his work, had all the off-duty personality of a well-polished plank.

For three winters Gian-Franco Kasper, secretary general of the International Ski Federation (FIS), has wrestled with the consequences of the snow famine upon his sport's classic events, often resulting in the organisational equivalent of switching, at 48 hours' notice, the Derby to Uttoxeter or the Boat Race to Barking Creek. Here in Val d'Isère yesterday, where snow and sky seemed to be posing for the brochures, the indications were that this year we will not want for whiteness.

These bluer skies do not leave Kasper with an unclouded mind. The lack of focused charisma weighs too heavily. "For very long there has been no Killy, no Klammer. But now there is no one. It is our single greatest problem. They all have ents to make them known. They all ski for teams who recognise they need people who can smile nice, talk and make sense. There is willingness to be accessible and to charm. But all we have are good akiers. Nice guys.

With nothing to say."

By the end of today's practice, pray we have first sight of some nice new guy with a bit more than "sick as a frozen parrot" to contribute. But veterans like Höflehner, Stock and Wirnsberger, who all seem to have been around since before the earth was warm, are looking ominously set at the beginning of a season with all to play for.

There are clear reasons why the average skier does about as much to put sparkle into sport as Steve Davis's chalk cube, and one reason Typically, great skiers are the prod-sternest critics, the United States,



Descent into anonymity: Zurbriggen, the last of the glittering prizemen, left a legacy of nobodies

uct of Alpine farm communities, acquiring a downhiller's dash in response to the village school bell at about the age our own rural infants are decanted from mummy's Volvo. But this lays a foundation of impressive thighs and incomprehen-sible nerve rather than any gift for philosophical or descriptive

Why a new and largely unfair burden descends upon them now is because of the havoc created in the finances of their sponsors, the skiequipment companies, by climatic upheaval. Several of the biggest sponsors have withdrawn. Others have made it plain that for their money they want rather more than that their man should dismount smartly at the end of his run to brandish skis, brand name foremost.

at the cameras. It is not only the individual skier being whipped up to sell the sport, and all the costly and colourful trappings that attend it. The FIS itself is under tremendous pressure, having in effect been given this one season to improve its organisation,

egged on by equipment moguls, will walk out and organise a world cup of their own.

A ski circus which wanders about the Alpine nations in response to 20odd years' custom and practice, which visits some cramped and inadequate venues just because they are famous, and whose itineraries are too easily upset by blizzard or zephyr, is anathema to a nation used to having its sports schedules set by television programmers.

For the first time, winners of races will be spared the absurdity of having to cart off to Alpine pawnshops the crystal bowls and electrical goods that were the only prizes under the rules. Now they take their winnings in something more easily convertible, like bullion, or a bankdraft. The maximum prize is

still an almost as absurd £1,800. But any cheque would loom large as dinner money for the hordes of ambitious daredevils who make up the pack. It is apposite that this season another experiment will give such racers a faint, quaint chance of crupting as if from the crowd of some

In three World Cup races this year, instead of the starting line-up being based on the seeding from previous results, a much larger pool will compete to set fast times in practice. Then a Friday elimination will produce, rather as in motor racing, a "grid" of the best 30 who, no matter what their antecedents, will compete in the race itself, choosing their own place in the starting order. In theory, then, even the newest race-licensed skier could have a mad morning and outrun all the names for top place on the grid. All that stands between him, then, and a gold bar and stardom is the need to go out next day and do it again. A bonus is that every yard of any such dream run would be captured for world-wide

Yet another experiment at these three events involves a two-minute interval between racers to permit. start-to-finish camera coverage of every run. Of course, this will make it intensely boring for spectators on the ground, waiting for the blurred passing of one skier every 120 seconds, but since when was that a

## Scandinavians improving

VAL D'ISÈRE (Renter) — Lasse Arnesen, of Norway, recorded the fastest time in practice for the opening men's World Cup downhill of the

Niklas Henning, from Sweden, a country that has never won a medal in the downhill, came a highly creditable

The results reflect the steady improvement of Scandinavians, who used to be more recognised for their prowess in Nordic events. In the opening race of the European season on Sunday, in Valloire, four Scandina-vians finished in the first ten.

LEADING TRANSING TRAISS: 1, LAmeson (Nor), 1min 59.03ec; 2, Denis Rey (Fr), 1:59.24; 3, A J Kitr (US), 1:59.27; 4, D Mairrer (Switz), 1:59.40; 5, F Belczyk (Carl), 1:58.45; 8, N Henning (Swe),

 ALTENMARKT: Petra Kronberger, of Austria, seeking her third successive World Cup win of the season, was fastest, with a time of 2min 1.83sec, in the opening practice run yesterday for the first women's downhill (Reuter

**LEADING PRACTICE TIMES: 1** Austria, 2min 01.83sec; 2, 8 Sadisder (Austria), 202.87; 3, K Psos (Carl), 202.95; 4, H Zurbrigger (Switz), 203.08; 5, E Kirchter (Austria), 203.30; 6, I Stocki (Austria), 203.37.

## Reading eye place in new division

By ALIX RAMSAY

NEXT year the Typhoo National League expands to two divisions opening up many more places come the promotion and relegation play-offs in May. The leading clubs from the feeder leagues in each of the five contest a place in division two.

top of division one of the Norts Sport South League, are well placed for a shot at the play-offs. In the last three years they have risen through both divisions of the Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire regional league and last year won promotion from the second division of the

south league. Reading WHC was started ten years ago and is part of the successful men's club. With the men playing in their national league, the prestige of having two national sides operating under one roof is driving the

• RAPID

with a men's and women's team in a national league," Sheret said. "If we get into the Typhoo league it would encourage new players to join the club."

With Slough up the road and their south league rivals, Bracknell, just a few minutes away, Sheret believes they are in a good area to attract new players. "Not that we want to poach them," she said. "If they want to come to us, that's fine, but we are not going to tell them they must play for Reading." There is only one match left

Bracknell a couple of weeks

January 30: Revised estimates of draws, 1969 Games begin in Duis-burg with only four sports being costs: facilities, £140 million; stag-ing Games, £27 million. nerd.

October 4: Princess Royal, patron of Games, launches Sheffield's marketing drive by declaring driv "open for business". Burns admits February 16: Games organisers say they have oral or written commit-ments from 22 countries to screen

Ous task to reise 2.50 mellon. November 8: Sports Council agrees to give £3 million towards costs. November 30: John Reeve, leading Games official, says the rest four months "crucial" in ensuring launch the Million Club: organisers the transport of the second of Games are financial success. cames are financial success.

December 15: Organisers run into cash-flow difficulty. Burns dismised because of intertievable breakdown between chief executive and directors. Board says that effect being took it had assets of £7 million in October, it had £1 million deficit in November. Figures denied by Burns.

December 21: Morrore

wound up; City Council now takes over running the Games.
July 11: Ray Gridley, new director of Games administration, assures Council it will be not be asked to pay more than £150 million towards

Games.

July 29: BSB agrees to be host broadcaster with seven hours of daily television coverage.

September 14: McVitle's athletics Burns.
December 21: Norman Adsetts
appointed to run day-to-day operations of Games. He says: "We hope
to announce major TV coverage
early in New Year." Auditors sent in meeting successfuly opens Don Valley stadium. November 12: Fisu executive tours January 9: City Council agrees 1990 financial package to underwrite January 18: Organisers unveil pack-building, now estimated at £111 age of sponsorship opportunities to facilities and says it is "happy and satisfied" with progress.

DIARY OF EVENTS

WORLD CUP
Dec 8-9: Val d'Isère, France (men, DH, SG);
Altermarkt, Austria (women, DH, SG).
Dec 11: Sestriere, haly (men, SL)
Dec 14-16: Vel Gardena and Alta Bede, italy
(men, DH, GS); Meiringen and Healiberg,
Switzerland (women, DH, SG, GS)
Dec 18: Madonna di Campiglio, Italy (men, SL)
Dec 21-22: Kranjska Gora, Yugoslavia (men,
SL, GS); Morzine, France (women, DH, SL, C)
Jen 5-8: Germisch-Partenkirchen, Germany
(men, DH, SG); Bizau Melleu, Austria (women,
DH, SL, C)
Jen 8: Bergen, Germany (women, SL)
Jen 15: Adelboden, Switzerland (men, DH, SG)
Jen 15: Merbel, France (women, DH, SG)
Jen 17-18: Merbel, France (women, DH, SG)
Jen 19-20: Wengen, Switzerland (men, DH, SG)
Jen 19-20: Wengen, Switzerland (men, DH, SG)

WORLD CUP

Feb 8-9: Pironten, Germany (women, DH, SG)
Feb 8-10: Val d'Isère, Frence (men, DH, SG)
Feb 10: Zwiesel, Germany (women, DH, SG)
Feb 23-24: Furenc, Jepan (women, DH, SG)
Mar 1-2: Lillehamer, Norwey (men, SL, GS)
Mar 2-3: Marioka, Japan (women, DH, SG)
Mar 8-10: Aspen, Colorado (men, DH, SL, GS)
Mar 8-11: Lake Louise, Canada (women, DH,

Mar 9-11: Lake Louise, Cariada (women, DH, SL, GS)
Mar 16-17: Leke Louise, Cariada (men, DH, SG); Vail, Colorado (women, DH, GS)
Mar 20-24: Waterville Valley, United States (men and women, SL, GS, PSL)
WORLD CHAMPTONSHIPS
Jen 21-Feb 3: Saalbach-Himberglemm, Austria BRITISH CHAMPTONSHIPS
Mar 9-16: Tignes, France
Key: DH: Downhill, SL: Statom, GS: Giant statom, SG: Super G. PSL: Parallel statom, C: Combined.

# Hooper and Lara step into the breach

From JOHN WOODCOCK IN LAHORE

WEST Indies have waited a long time to feel indebted to any of their younger batsmen; but it happened when the third Test match began here yesterday. Without Hooper's unbeaten 107 and Lara's 44 they would have fallen critically short of the 250 for eight which they had made when bad light stopped play an

The West Indian elders — Greenidge, Haynes, Richard-son, Logie and Dujon — musson. Logie and Dajon — mus-tered only 49 runs between them on a predictably slow pitch. Richardson and Logie had some reason for feeling hard done by. Both were leg-before, aiming to hit through the on-side to balls which had every chance of against lowly Sumbury, but January will be the crunch month for Reading. missing the leg stump. But there was no doubt about

Their first game of the new year is against Trojans, who are a couple of places below them. They take on second-placed

pushing forward to a ball that turned. What marred Pakistan's day was the dropping of Hooper, a straightforward chance to Salim Malik at first slip off Waqar. Hooper was 31 at the time and

the ball could hardly have come more comfortably to Malik. The 76 runs which this has already cost Pakistan could count for a cost Pakistan could count for a lot in what is unlikely to become a high-scoring match. But to give Hooper his due, he played effortlessly and elegantly. His 100 is only his second in 22 Tests and his first for 34 innings. For the fourth wicket, Hooper and Lara added 95 after coming together at 37 for three. Small and left-handed, Lara has a look

more of Roy Fredericks than Alvin Kallicharran. Hooper's mellifluous style has been likened to the late and great Frank Worrell's. The trouble with him has been his record.

By taking numerous short singles that would not have occurred to others, Hooper and Lara got the score moving and built up their confidence. Lara is aged 21. Hooper 24, and if

yesterday's is unlikely to be the largest partnership they share, it will be one of the more valuable. Although it had been thought that Miandad might report for duty, he did not do so. By replacing him with Aamer Malik and sending to Karachi for Masood Anwar, a young left-

arm spinner, and bringing back Ramiz Raja and Abdul Qadir, Pakistan made four changes from the side that lost in Faisalabad. For the three-match series they have used 16 players. Lara became what is a compar-ative rarity — a new West Indian cap. Of these there have been only 21 in the last ten years, compared with England's 60.

The toss was won by Haynes and the start delayed for 20 minutes because of the dew. Imran then surprised everyone by giving himself his first and only six overs of the series, in which he pitched the ball up at quite a lively pace, swung it occasionally and accounted for Haynes, in the third over, driving at a wide outswinger, and Greenidge, in the ninth, making to book. Richardson

There was the possibility hereabouts of a spectacularly short contest. But in the other 58 overs of the day West Indies made 213 for five. Wagar bowled well and unfuling the state of the bour after lunch Octain the second hour after lunch; Qadir, though he was more expensive than the others, caused Hooper more trouble than anyone, beating him several times and all but bowling him when he was 99; Akram moved the ball most of all and deserved his three

But it was Hooper's day and all the better a one for West Indies for being so. Since making a century against India in only his second Test innings, when he was just 21, he has scored nowhere near as many runs as his talent should insure. Nothing has seemed to galvanise him. He came to the wicket yesterday with an average of 15 from his previous 24 Test innings. Yet in the Central Lancashire League he has broken every sort of record, including to quote him encluding.

row, as ne went down the pitch to drive Qadir over long-off for six, with a lovely, easy swing of the bat, it may have signalled his "arrival". Upon reaching his hundred he forgot himself, and briefly waved his arms. Would that there were more who were equally un-ostentatious, and fewer who, even when they reach 50, ex-change kissograms with their team colleagues.

icam colleagues.

WEST BIDIES: First timings
C G Greenidge Ewe b times.
D L Haynes c Moin b times.
B B Richierdson Ewe b Algest.
G Ers c Asmer b Cadir.
C L Hooper not out.
P J L Dujon st Moin b Massood.
A Loger Ewe b Wagar.
M D Marshall b Algest.
C E L Ambrose Ewe b Algest. Total (B wkts) ...

#### ing, to quote him, one by "someone called Worrell". Umpires: Khizer Hayat and Riszuddin.

MICHAEL Whitaker, the win-ner of the Renault Jump show jumping series last Sunday, has a chance of winning a second car in as many weeks when he and Henderson Monsanta commad Henderson Monsanta Conspete in the Bordeaux Volvo World Cup qualifier on Sunday.

Robert Smith and Joe Turi make up the British contingent at the show, the fifth in the series

injured an eye when his stable "fell apart" at last year's show and was unable to jump in the grand prix. So far the compensation has not been paid, which Broome last night said "influenced" his decision.

Smith, who will ride either Silver Dust or the newly purchased, Vanessa, has his first attempt this season to collect points for the World Com. "The

international ranking list. In Britain's case this involved Michael and John Whitaker and Nick Skelton. The latter two compete at the Frankfurt show

Turi pins his hopes this weekend on the 15 hands high Waysider who was in superb form on the North American circuit last month where he achieved a double clear round in the Washington Nations Cup and finished seventh in the New York World Cup qualifier.

Under World Cup rules the shows are obliged to take any rider in the leading ten of the strong rate of the s

#### RALLYING Sabine to broaden

From David Chappell IN PARIS

horizons

THE Paris to Dakar rally means different things to different men. To Jean-Marie Balestre. the president of the FIA, the world's governing body of mo-tor sport, it is the jewel in a future world championship of marathon rallies: to Gilbert Sabine, the event's organiser, it is a classic challenge to man and

Hardly had Balestre's words finished echoing around the library of the Automobile Club de France here yesterday than Sabine was announcing the route for the 1991 Paris-Tripoli-Dakar rally. It is one, he thinks, that will hand the event back to the amateur.

Navigation and endurance are the key notes of a rally which will include five African countries, 5,000 miles of desert and four marathon two-day stages in the space of 16 days in the new year. By incompany the space of 16 days in the new year. By incorporating a majority of unknown tracks, Sabine has tried to lessen the advantages of the works' teams by forcing a compromise between speed and car preservation. The event is expected to be more competitive this year anyway. Citroen have taken up the Compensive uns year anyway.

Citroen have taken up the

French cudgels from Peugeot
while Lada have emerged as a

serious threat after success in
the rally of the Pharaohs.

By beefing up the route.

By beefing up the route, Sabine is responding to the lure of rival marathon rallies, such as the Paris-Moscow-Peking. But his appeal to the British sense of advantage and a series and a s adventure and pioneering spirit adventure and proneering spirit has fallen on deaf ears; that entry can be counted on the fingers of one hand. Le Dakor has also suffered from a problem of image; countries with strong environmental lobbies such as Germany have largely ignored it while the taint of fatalities

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## YACHTING

From MALCOLM MCKEAG IN ST THOMAS, US VIRGIN ISLANDS

Greenidge's decision (leg-before for the fourth time in his five

innings in the series), or Haynes's, to a catch at the

wicket, nor Dujon's to a stump-ing when he overbalanced,

WITH one fleet race and the match-racing still to sail here in the final regatta of the Maxi World Championship, Bill Koch's brand-new Matador 2 has all but sewn up the overall title, while the older Longobarda (Italy) looks set to win this series.

Yesterday was rest day in the Moët and Chandon sponsored Virgin Islands leg of the three-leg series; in today's final fleet race, Longobarda has only to finish better than last.

knoth, according to Dennis Conner, who is skippering the French-owned Emeraude.

Despite the presence of Conner, Paul Cayard (skipper-ing Passage for Italy), John Bertrand (of the United States not the former America's Cup winner of the same name) and John Kolius, the result of any America's Cup-style match is felt to be a foregone conclusion.

Matador won more races, the Italians slumped.

The reason is not so much that Passage is slow but that Matador has such speed in hand that she can sail her main rivals for the overall world cham-pion's title out of the race, and then have time to climb back into the frame herself.

MOET AND CHANDON MAXI GRAND
PROX Fearth race: 1, Longobarda (L.
Bortolotti, Italy); 2, Passage (R. Gardini/P
Ceyerd, Italy); 3, Vanites (M. Gatti/I Kollus,
Italy); 4, Congere (B. Koeppel, US); 5,
Emeraude (J. Dewelly/D Conner, France),
(Metador dhished first but war disqualified after protest by Longobarda). Fifth
mock: 1, Metador (B. Koch/P Holmberg,
US); 2, Longobarda; 3, Vanites; 4,
Passage; 5, Congere; 8, Emeraude, Stuth
race: 1, Metador: 2, Longobarda; 3,
Vanites: 4, Passage; 5, Emeraude, 8,
Vanites: 4, Passage; 5, Emeraude, 8,
Concern. that enthusiasm for the matchbeen the fall from grace of the racing series, which is a feature of maxi yacht regattas, is waning fast, both aboard the champion Mandor and Passage began the champion Mandor and Passage began the champion of the champion of

**EQUESTRIANISM** 

## Matador too fast for good of series Broome declines Bordeaux chance

By JENNY MACARTHUR

of 11 qualifiers. Unusually, there is no Briton in the leading ten of the European League for the World Cup which has its final in Sweden in April.

points for the World Cup. "The same riders get selected every time," he said yesterday. "It's not easy to get enough points to qualify when you can only compete at two qualifiers." He failed to get to the Amsterdam

this weekend - releasing places for Smith and Turi. Broome was invited separately to Bordeaux.

among desert dwellers over the years has proved difficult to

WILLIAM HEL Leeds IST BLB ( ) (ids damped or Imper win Compress C ) (ids damped or Imper win Compress C ) (ids per wine or of other wines for WI 1700) TYRO DEVING CONTRE | ACCOUNT Five, very low falls age, 1 owner, £10,500 to 081

# Under-21 managers put it all down to good experience

THE search for positive as- the manager of Wales, I have his provisional squad because pects is never an easy one after been anxious to resurrect the of injury as one of the more an instantly forgettable game under-21 side simply because but the managers of England it gives our younger players and Wales did find some invaluable experience," cause for contentment after said "Our aim is to prove that Wednesday night's under-21 we have, in place, the necinternational at Prenton Park essary infrastructure to be Lawrie McMenemy, of Eng-land, and Terry Yorath, of pean under-21 champion-wales, conceded that the ships. over-cautious approach of two

"As a player, I represented inexperienced sides had Wales at under-23 level many contributed to a disappointing times and so did benefit. When I first gained an underdiplomatic enough to declare 23 cap I was in the Leeds United reserve side and it was hard breaking into the first team and staying there.

"Boys in our team are Wales's second at this level finding that at the moment since 1984 but despite the but playing international footdebatable quality, it still repreball gives you hope. I certainly found it a help. It is important who is anxious to restructure that you have the right struc-the principality's footballing ture at international level." McMenemy cited the with-"Since I was appointed as drawal of several members of

salient factors behind a dis-

"We had ten new faces in the squad. Obviously, all games are better with goals but, it has to be said, both goalkeepers did perform well," he said. "The process of chimination is only achieved by playing people.

#### Platt rejects his own video By CHRIS MOORE

DAVID Platt, Aston Villa's England international, last night stopped the release of a lucrative Christmas video because he was dissatisfied with its content.
The £9.99 video, titled David
Plate ... Hero In The Making.

goalless draw but both were

the first meeting of the two countries at under-21 level in

11 years, a qualified success.

sented a milestone for Yorath

Wednesday's game was only

contained no action from last summer's World Cup finals in which Platt scored three spectacular goals. "When people pay to watch me play football I always by to give them value for morey." he said

money," he said.
"If the public buy a product featuring my name I expect the same standards. In this instance I am unhappy with the video and will not permit it to be distributed under my name." Platt had insisted on a clause

in the contract which gave him content approval. "I realise that by taking this action, the video will miss the Christmas market which will personally cost me thousands of pounds. But the money is secondary to the

legal problem trying to obtain World Cup footage because it is held by another company who have gone into liquidation."

Jozef Venglos, the Villa man-ager, has denied reports from Poland that Roman Kosecki, the highly rated Legia Warsaw forward, is about to join Villa in

But Venglos would not deny "categorically" any interest in the Polish international. "Like any manager I am always in-terested in good players," he

6 The Manchester United mid-field player, Paul Ince, has withdrawn from the England B squad to visit Algeria next week because of a groin injury. The manager, Graham Taylor, has not named a replacement.

the Wolverhampton-based an exploratory operation on his Video Sport, said: "There is a left knee."

It is the fourth time he has undergone knee surgery in the space of 18 months, though the three other operations were all on his right leg.
The Scottish international who has not started a first team

match since October, hobbled off after only 17 minutes of a • The Soviet international forward, Igor Gurinovich, may make his full league debut for Brighton at Newcastle tomorrow. Gurinovich, aged 30, is lined up to replace John Byrne,

who is likely to be out with damaged knee ligaments.

Scarborough, of the Football League fourth division, have announced plans to launch grey-hound racing at their Scamer Road stadium next spring. They yesterday unveiled a project to set up a professional rugby league side in the town.

# An FA Cup run has lifted the gloom enveloping Chorley



Team builder: Ray Williams, the Chorley manager, flanked by Brian Ross (left) and Colin Jackson,

# A hard road to Gay Meadow

By WALTER GAMMIE

CHORLEY'S second-round trip to Shrewsbury tomorrow is compelling evidence of the powers of the FA Cup to heal wounds and end rumbling discontent at a club experiencing plummet-

Two years in the GM Vauxhall Conference had started with high hopes, an initial run of nine wins in ten matches hoisting Chorley to the top of the table before big crowds, and ended in gloom, relegation by one point and crowds of 600, well below the breakeven figure.

John McGovern, Brian Clough's former first lieutenant on the pitch at Derby County and Nottingham Forest, was the manager. His response to relegation was to release all the players except four, two of whom, Phil Power and Shaun Allen, were crippled by longterm injuries. Three weeks later, McGovern, bur-

dened by the demands of his work with an airline-servicing company and disillusioned with the problems of non-League management, resigned.

Chorley turned to John Williams, whose six-year reign at Runcorn brought 12 trophies, including the Alliance Premier League title in 1981-2 and a losing appearance in the FA

Football League headquarters in

As from next April the game's

most prestigious event, the Challenge Cup final at Wem-bley, will kick off at 2.30pm

bley, will kick off at 2.30pm instead of 3pm.

As David Howes, the public affairs executive, put it tactfully: "We shall be establishing a new traditional starting time." Television, the showcase which recently made the Great Britain Test series against the Australians required Saturday afternoon viewing for sports watchers, is the reason.

watchers, is the reason.
Howes said: "The Challenge
Cup final is an event watched by
millions of people throughout
the world. When we kick off at

three o'clock the end of the

match, and the post-match presentation, laps of honour,

interviews and scenes of rejoic-ing clash head-on with the

**FACUP** 

Trophy final. Last season, Williams had taken Stafford Rangers to the Trophy semi-final before parting with the club in the close-season.

When Williams arrived in June, he found only two fit players: Brian Ross, a forward, and Colin Jackson, a sweeper, But his extensive contacts helped fill the gaps. His first task was to persuade back the experienced Paul Moss, a Chorley player for five years and sole survivor of their Cup win over Wolverhampton Wanderers in 1987-8, and Glen Keeley. Moss, aged 30, forms a willing attack with Ross, aged 23, whose all-action approach has attracted attention from

Williams signed Peter King from Marine to act as the midfield linchpin, knowing his quality from Stafford. "He's a good passer, a strong lad but lacks a bit of pace," Williams said. "He's like a lot of players who can do many things better than players in the

**RUGBY LEAGUE** 

End of a cup final tradition

television to capture the closing ceremony and to convey the

atmosphere at Wembley in a manner to suit the occasion."

Thus ends a war of protest

which began in the Fifties and Sixties, when many club officials waxed indignant at the way the late Eddie Waring and his BBC mentors allegedly manipulated clubs, and fiddled with the schedule. About all it

with the schedules. Above all, it

was alleged that attendances were being hit so badly by live television that the game might go out of existence altogether.

dramatically since those early controversial flirtations with

television. Five terrestrial and

satellite companies now present the game to live audiences,

the game to live audiences, giving the game an infinitely higher profile and making the game awash with sponsorship. All clubs share in this bonanza,

with the ground developmen fund a significant beneficiary.

● Leigh, the troubled second division club, were a step nearer

dissolution last night over their contractual problems with

The scene has changed

er to suit the occas

Finding a goalkeeper proved a taxing problem until Williams signed Dave

Getting the team together was in itself a small triumph but Chorley's form in the HFS Loans League has been patchy, starting with five draws and "too many matches lost 1-0" according to Tim Kelly, the chairman of nine months.

Blackburn, Preston, Bolton and Wigan draws away spectators and where success is a paramount priority to sustain interest, particularly with memories of life in the Conference relatively fresh, Kelly had taken over a club where costs were spiralling and too little revenue was being generated.

Ryan, who spent 13 years at Northwich Victoria, and had started the season trying to break into Macclesfield's side.

In an area where the pull of nearby

The first-round win over Bury,

courtesy of goals by Moss and John Aspinall, blew the clouds away. Kelly says, wryly, that he even came through last Sunday's shareholders' meeting largely unscathed. The club has also filled a long-standing vacancy for a sponsor, OBG Construction Ltd, from Manchester. "It would be icing on the cake if we got through at Gay Meadow. After a lot of hard times, to get something like this is really great," he

#### YACHTING

#### Admiral's Cup plan is revealed

accept a staggered payments system, in some cases with the TRIALS for next year's British Admiral's Cup team, which is open to UK citizens and foreign nationals residing in Britain, will involve a series of inshore races and two offshore events, the Royal Ocean Racing Club ments despite the club's plea that the money is not there to pay them. Last night the chairman of the Rugby Football League, Bob Ashby was invited to Hilton Park by the club chairman, Keith Bell, to explain nnounced yesterday.

The British offshore sailing

The British offisher saling squad, led by the former Olympic gold medal winner, Iain Macdonald Smith, will encompass the Spi-Quest regatta at La Trinite, France, in March, the 200-mile Cervantes Trophy and Myth of Malham races in the Channel, together with a weekend of inshore racing in Christchurch Bay in May. The 50-footers and two-toppers are then expected to compete in seperate international regattas at Travemunde and Kiel, leaving the one-tonners to contest a final weekend of inshore races As John Martin opened up a one-and-a-half-day lead on the second stage of the BOC Chall-Hal Roth, threw in the towel

Hal Roth, threw in the towel yesterday after experiencing a catalogue of problems aboard his Class 2 yacht, Sebago.

LEADWA POSITIONS (at 9.25 GMT yementay, with niles to Sydney; Class 1: 1, Allied Bank (J Martin, SA), 3.257 milec; 2, inniceper (D Adams, Aus), 3.575; 3, General Concord id, Geneter, Fr.), 3.594; 5, Grodit Agricole (P Jeannet, Fr), 3.598; 5, Grodit Agricole (P Jeannet, Fr), 3.748; 6, Jarken (K Bersee, Aus), 3.791; 7, Dumacell (M Plart, US), 3.517; 8, Ecuroul PC (I Autiseier, Fr), 3.593; 10, Grineler (B Reed, SA), 3.675; Class 2: 1, Sevent (Y Dupasquier, Fr), 3.982; 2, New Spirit of Ipswich (J Halt, GB), 4.131; 3, Sponsor Wanted (D Mcimyrs, Aus), 4.215; 4, Project City Kids (J Boye, US), 4.256; 5, Koden (Y Tade, Jepen), 4.396; Constituen classe: 1, Volcano (P Thackaberry, US), 4.301; 2, Global Exposure (R Davis, GB), 4.20; 3, Nifhau (R Hooks, US), 4.513; 4, Shutandohiji (M Salto, Japan), 4.588.

## IN BRIEF Langer in

command BERNHARD Langer, of Ger-many, leads the Million Dollar

Challenge golf tournament at Sun City with a first round three-under-nar 69. The defending champion, David Frost, of South Africa, is

econd on 71. BOXING: Errol McDonald is to face Patrizio Oliva, of Italy, who last month beat Kirkland Laing for the European welter-REAL TENNIS: John Ward is

clear favourite for the George Wimpey British over-50 championship, which starts today at Hatfield House. SWIMMING: Joznne Deakios

attempts to break her British 200 metres backstroke record of 2min 13.29sec at the Ecclesiastical Life Open meeting on

SPEEDWAY: The merger of the nine-strong Sunbrite League and the 17-track National League goes ahead next season. RUGBY LEAGUE: Compensa tion for Widnes has been doubled to £6,000 after the club protested about Saturday tele-vision broadcasting of two

Manchester, Ron Emes, the chairman, said: "This is a question we will consider at the next executive meeting later this month. It would be quite feasible for us to co-operate with other bids as well as London." Meanwhile, Dick Palmer, the

secretary of the BOA, said that he was drawing up a discussion paper to be considered at its meeting on December 19. He said: "This will look at the process we will go through to receive the bids and how we evaluate them and the standards we require of them."
Several London-based groups

are now considering their bids for the Games and clearly need to unify their efforts. Coe's company, London Olympics 2000, has already had support from many important com-panies and also leading sportsmen such as Daley Thompson and Gary Lineker. There are several members of

the BOA who believe that it is pointless bidding again for the Games unless there is a genuine

West German performers regu-larly took performance-enhanc-

week to see if one of them would join the commission.

#### ATHLETICS

By DAVID POWELL

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Four years ago, the AAA was

Tony Ward, the AAA spokes-man, said: "We attribute our success in a very large part to the great job APA has do "The other important point is

the interest and strength of the television audience. They pro-vide an attractive balance to companies because it is not male-orientated. The women's

six main sponsors have deals through 1991.

## SKI HOTLINE



SWITZERLAND (A-L) SWITZERLAND (M-Z) SPAIN / ANDORRA SCOTLAND MANY / LIFCHTENSTEN BULGARIA /YUGOSLAVIA/ ROMANIA / TURKEY NORWAY / SWE USA / CANADA LATE SKI HOLS

The Norwich City forward, Robert Fleck, is likely to be out of action for a month following

# Pontypool want to contact Moseley

The club greeted Moseley's decision, which was conveyed to them in a letter with "sadness

and regret". Ivor Taylor, the Pontypool team secretary said:

Kevin has said that his in-

tentions are to give up the captaincy and this couldn't have

come at a worse time for us with

the game against Swansea. We will leave it until the weekend to

see him and to find out what's going on. We have known for quite a while that he has been

"Things came to a head against Cardiff a fortnight ago

when the referee complained about his attitude. We want to

help him out but haven't seen him yet. He is our main supplier

of line out ball and his loss will

be a big blow to us on the field and off it. There is a tremendous

pride in the position and it isn't

given out lightly. But now we must look at what is the best for

the club. I've heard of troops running from a battle but never

discontented on the field.

By Owen JENKINS

RUGBY UNION

PONTYPOOL are still trying to meet with Kevin Moseley, who has relinquished the captaincy of the club, to "clear the air". surprise to the club for which he has played for the last eight years. Moseley, won five caps in the second row for Wales, but his final appearance in a Welsh against France in January and banned from playing for 32

A knee injury delayed his return for Pontypool, who appointed him captain for the new Heineken leagues. Pontypool have made a mixed start and are lying fifth with four wins and four defeats. It's believed that he was never really happy with the captaincy and Moseley is said to be contemplating his future with the game. It seems a straight choice between another club or

Pontypool travel to Swansea tomorrow in the mid stage of the league and Chris Huish, the flanker, has been appointed

BOWLS

### Bryant's revenge ends Scotland's interest

at Coatbridge yesterday, when David Bryant, the world outdoor champion, beat Gus Blair, the holder, in the first semi-final Blair had put Bryant out of the event at the same stage last year, since when the Englishman has endured a lean spell in poor start, won the second set, singles competition, but this lost a 3-0 lead in the decider, time, Bryant was in ungenerous mood and allowed Blair only

Three of them took Blair into a 3-0 lead in the first set, but Bryant was stung into action

By DAVID RHYS JONES THE host country's interest in when the young Scot established THE host country's interest in which the CIS Scottish Masters ended a set lie on the fourth end.

Seldom can a game have been

> then best John Price, the world indoor champion, with a full house that turned a 3-5 deficit into a 7-5 triumph.

BADMINTON

# Gibson makes it a first for Olympic squad

By RICHARD EATON

Olympic squad when she was added to the group yesterday by Steve Baddeley, the manager. Baddeley, who also became tational director of coaching three months ago, has included Gibson among four additions partly because of two outstanding performances recently in which he almost beat Eline

Coene, the world quarter final-

Pohring and Dave Wright, the

best England men's doubles

ist, from The Netherlands.

ANNE Gibson, the Scottish Cheryl Johnson. Bradbury's re-No. 1, became the first non-English player in the British given by the coach, Lee Jae Bok, may be one of the most interesting developments of the Olym-Also beloing the players pre-

pare for an Olympic debut in 1992 is Morten Frost, of Denmark, the four-times former all-England champion, who will provide practise sessions at his adopted home club, Wimble-don. He should be of special con. The minute of or special value to the men's single players who have been retained from the original squad, Darren Hall, The other additions are Nick Anders Nielsen and Sieve Butler. The others to be retained are Gill Clark, Gillian Gowers, Jo pair, and Julie Bradbury, aged Muggeridge and Helen Troke, the winner of the Scottish Open bubles at the Welsh open on the winner of th

also produced a consortium, headed by Bob Payton, the hotel

expected next week.

Also in the group is Jon Smith, chairman of the First Artist Corporation, which in-cludes the English football and cricket teams, as well as Brit-ain's own American football

people" than the cost.

Payton, who has lived in ondon for 17 years, said the London for 17 years, said the NFL was "more interested to make sure the franchise got off the ground and was run by local

that the ticket prices be kept low, with the emphasis on

to rule in London

owner and restaurate will operate the team.

In the next three months, the consortium will be searching for sponsors and working on filling the stadium. Payton was keen

BASKETBALL

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# AMERICAN FOOTBALL

By RICHARD WETHERELL ON A foggy, cold day at Wembley, the World League of American Football announced that its London franchise would be known as the Monarchs. It

The first game for the Mon-archs will be at Wembley Sta-dium on Sunday, March 31, probably against the New York side. The full WLAF schedule is

Mike Lynn, the president of the WLAF, has said that each franchise will cost \$11 million, the investment must be

league, the NDMA, among its Payton was rejuctant to put a

# Monarchs

THE long-running rear guard action against the encroachment of television effectively ended yesterday with a remarkable assessment form. Purchase the champiouship.

"With a 2.30pm kick-off there or will be plenty of time for those on five-figure contracts, to

figure on how much the con-sortium had paid for its share of the franchise. He said that the National Football League (NFL) has "at least \$2 million commit-ted" to London. Given that

#### football final scores. "There have been protests from rugby league supporters when the cameras have cut away from Wembley in mid-cere-mony to capture the end of a

something to cheer about on Wednesday night when he met the world champion in a chall-

enge match in the southern Irish

town of Castleblaney and beat him 5-0 (Steve Acteson writes). Considering that Hendry had, only three days earlier, had his

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SNOOKER A boost for Hallett's confidence

FOR THE RECORD

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Haliett's thoughts have now turned to the £250,000 Coalite have been excused for being in a World Matchplay, in which he meets Gary Wilkinson today in laxed mood. Yet that minor Irish event has been a boost for the morale of Brenty Hallett, the world No. 9. "Let's eight, not get carried away," he said. "It was not exactly the world championship final but it did

MATIONAL, LEAGUE (MRL): Movement Con-scients 4, Herritard Witsters 3; Washington Capitess 3, Possbusty Penguists 1; Minnecton North Sears 3, Torrorto Magde Leaths 2; New Jersey Devide 9, Vancouver Censucks 4; Edmonton Ollers 3, Quebac Nordiques 2; Calgary Florines 4, New York Reingers 1; Los Angeles Kings 3, Warnipag Jets 3.

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protested, and insisted on regu-lar match and contractual pay-

ments despite the club's plea

to the players their position under the game's bye-laws.

The irony of the situation is that the team is regarded as one of the brighter prospects for promotion this season. How-ever, gates have been below

average despite the club's suc-

One of the big problems is

that certain players who were signed under a previous board of directors have lucrative con-tracts which the club can no

TERRIES, Present: World Cup breatyle: Na-gole: Winner: 1, E Kolemburs (USSR): 2, R Montol (Pr): 3, S Hattered (Nor.) Overall: 1, Montol, 20th: equal 2, D Weinbrocht (US) Hattered, 20, Ment: 1, E Bernen (Pr): 2, E Grosphon (Pr): 3, E Englison Elde (Nor.) Overall: 1, Grosphon, 49; 2, Berthen, 48; 3, Brightson Elde, 47. SNOOKER CLASCOUNT Surson and Hodges Masters establish tournement Seas-Resis: A McMarus (Soot) bt D Morgan (Wales), 5-4-Front McMarus (soot) J Waters (The), 4-3.

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## Nottinghamshire's cricketers

**OLYMPIC GAMES** 

### Council at odds over backing Games bid

By JOHN GOODBODY

THERE is a battle within the Central Council of Physical Recreation (CCPR) on which city campaigning for the Olym-pic Games in the year 2000 it

should support. On September 18, Peter Lawson, the secretary of the CCPR, which represents the national governing bodies, joined with Sebastian Coe to state that London would be bidding for the Games.

The announcement, on the day that Manchester failed to get the 1996 Games at the International Olympic session in Tokyo, upset the British Olympic Association (BOA), which saw the timing as hasty and

Two days later, the executive egreed to co-operate with the London bid. However, there is some resentment within the CCPR that Lawson had been seen to back London at the is expected to try again and so could Birmingham, which failed to secure the 1992 Games. CCPR would co-operate with

 A prominent judge has been appointed to head an indepen-dent commission that will in-vestigate published allegations that many leading East and

ing drugs. Heinrich Reiter, the president of the federal social court, will head the special commission. German officials are to contact Sebastian Coe and the American hurdler, Edwin Moses, next

### Pascoe is still up with pace

JUST as he was when he was a

Alan Pascoe is busy these days setting personal bests. Yes-terday, and for the fifth year in succession, his company, Alan Pascoe Associates (APA), announced that it had improved on its previous year's effort in athletics.

In its role as the sport's marketing agent, APA said that sponsorship income for 1990 had risen by 30 per cent to a record £3.5 million. The improvement, of almost £1 million, is significant. It approximates to the surplus which the Amateur Athletic Association (AAA) will an-nounce at its annual meeting

facing bankruptcy but now, for the second successive year, it has made a £1 million surplus. As John Perera, the APA direc-tor, said: "The improved turn-round in finances is down to a number of things but, if you surplus is almost directly repre-sented by the increase in sponsorship income.

audience, in particular, is attrac-The prospects are good for another Pascoe PB next year: all



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# SPORT

Durham's day of elevation

ENGLISH cricket launched an exciting new era yesterday when Durham became the first newcomers to be admitted to the county champ-ionship for 70 years. The Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) agreed unanimously that Durham, a consistent force in the Minor Counties game, should have first-class status in 1992. Durham's promotion will boost interest everywhere they play and, in a broader context, provide a stimulus for community and business life in the northeast.

"There was very great enthusiasm among the members of the board for Durham to come in," Alan Smith, the TCCB chief executive, said. "We are all greatly excited at a new member after such a long gap," Glamorgan, in 1921, were the last county to be elevated to first-class status. Since then the only applicants were Devon, who made a tentative approach just after the second world war.

Durham's promotion, which will date from next February 1, remains subject to three conditions, which are not expected to be a stumbling block. But by then they must satisfy the board that they have secured the necessary planning permission and ini-tial funding for the establish-ment of their scheduled new headquarters ground at Chester-le-Street by 1995.

By the same date they must also have taken steps to appoint a chief executive to organise their entry into the first-class game. Similarly, they must find a head groundsman to take charge of preparing the half-dozen outgrounds they intend to use in addition to their proposed new stadium. Both these jobs will shortly be advertised and are unlikely to present any

The present position concerning the headquarters ground is a little less clear-cut. At the moment final plans on the new development are being held up because the £9 million leisure complex scheme, of which the new cricket stadium is the hub, have gone to the environ-mental ministry for final approval. After large-scale protests from conservation groups before the original plans were scaled down, the ministry has to decide

Normally, the ministry decides inside 21 days but only this week Chester-le-Street district council heard that the environmental department had invoked a little-known planning rule to extend the time before a decision was announced. Don Robson, the Durham County Council chairman and a Durham cricket committee member, told a press conference at Lord's that the development departed from the basic structure scheme for the area. But as the county council and the

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Geoff Cook, Durham's director of cricket, Arthur Austin, club chairman, and Don Robson, council chairman and cricket committee member, celebrate

district council, who own the land, back the proposals, it would be unusual if the ministry did not approve the

Mr Smith said the TCCB would not quibble if the new ground was delayed a year until 1996. "This new ground was central to Durham's whole application and to me and many others was particularly exciting. Most of our cricket grounds in this country are a 100 or more years old and to think of a new ground being created specially for the 21st century will be a wonder-

Mr Smith said Durham would attend the next meeting of the board in March as observers; would become a full voting member from next October, and would qualify to benefit financially from the board's central fund from January 1, 1992. Durham's admission would not change the county championship's

existing structure. With 18 teams involved, it would continue with the present programme of 16 three-day and six four-day games, with the proviso that the one county not played against in three-day fixtures would have to be met in at

least one four-day match. The Benson and Hedges Cup would be enlarged to 21 teams to accommodate Durham, with one of the groups in the early stages, comprising six teams and the others having five, as at present.

# TCCB demands

DURHAM'S cricket committee will meet a week toexecutive who will oversee the introduction of first-class cricket to the North-east, one of the three conditions laid down by the Test and County Cricket Board for their entry into the county championship in 1992.

The meeting at Chester-le-Street, near the site of the proposed purpose-built sta-dium which is to be the county's home by 1995, will also discuss changes among the club's own hierarchy to cricket club," Ian Caller, the meet the demands of the president, said. "We have had switch from part-time to fulltime cricket.

Their main concern remains the TCCB's stipulation permission for their multimillion pound development, which has been opposed by a section of local residents, be established by February 1 next

Having been passed by Chester-le-Street district council the proposals have for cricket in this area. gone forward to the Department of Environment for approval and a reply is expected next week. "This is truly an historic

From Alan Lee

CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

PERTH

MICHAEL Atherton spent

yesterday morning wondering

if he was about to be installed

as the latest England captain

and yesterday evening digest-

ing the fact that he was not

Atherton has paid a high

price for his ponderous in-

nings during England's World Series Cup defeat by New

Zealand last Saturday. When

the squad of 12 was named for

today's day-night game

and John Morris was chosen,

while the Middlesex left-arm

soin bowler. Phil Tufnell.

even in the team.

day for Durham county some wonderful moments in our history, winning the Minor Counties championship nine times and enjoying two glorious victories in the NatWest competition, over Yorkshire and Derbyshire, but don't think anyone connected with Durham, past or present, has seen an occasion like this.

The TCCB has recognised the wonderful passion there is

"The whole thing is a wonderful boost for the north east. We have scaled Everest. and the view from the top is

Atherton became a cap-

taincy candidate when, with

Gooch and Gower already

out, Allan Lamb's fibrositis

continued to trouble him.

When Lamb, who did not bat

in the nets yesterday, decided

that he should play, although

natently below his best, the

selectors had other ideas for

Atherton. A man who has

regularly played the important

anchor role in overs cricket to

perfection for his county was

dropped to make way for a

seems back in that fatefully

indecisive state, not sure

national debut.

Atherton pushed out in the cold

neither.

mal game.

# Swift response to Counties decide to stay under covers

By RICHARD STREETON

throughout county championship matches next summer at yesterday's Test and County Cricket board meeting at Lord's. Derbyshire, Kent, Northamptonshire and Yorkshire proposed the change, which was heavily rejected by the other 15 delegates.
Alan Smith, the chief exec-

utive of the board, said the proposal failed to gain the backing of its England and countries produce good players on protected surfaces had won the day.

pline has been agreed in keeping with the proposed code of conduct that the International Cricket Council is planning to introduce for ing to pay the full sum. The 25 Test cricket. The board's championship point deducdirective covers all aspects of tion for an unsatisfactory behaviour on the field and pitch will be retained. also applies the same requirement, not to prejudice cricket's good name, on county Australia expressing best committee men and officials.

As for "beamers", as fast, regulation which will give an fight back.

prepared to make his inter- grafter and ending up as the air, and England have

manager, was critical of Ath-

erton after the match in

Adelaide last week, when he

batted 26 overs for 33. Last

night, explaining the decision

to omit him, Stewart said:

"Michael is not on the best of

terms with his batting at the

moment and with the tempo

we are looking for in this

game, we don't want him to

force things outside his nor-

John Morris unarguably de-

outside the circle for the first

15 overs. This encourages the

Micky Stewart, the team

Main decisions

THERE was little support for moves by four counties for pitches to be left uncovered and officials and officials

• Umpires empowered to take bowler out of attack for deliberate

lonship again to be shared equa between club and players. Minimum per hour 25-point penalty for unacceptable

priches retained
Proposal for uncovered pitches in

bowler's immediate removal cricket committees, and that from the attack for the rest of the arguments that other an innings if he feels such a delivery has been deliberate.

The board has also agreed to a return to the 1989 require-A new directive on disci-ment of of an over-rate of 181/2 per hour. Fines for failure to achieve it will be shared between county and players, rather than the cricketers hav-

The board has sent a message to the England team in wishes for the coming weeks, leading up to the second and head-high, full tosses are third Test matches, and conknown, the board has agreed a fidence in the team's ability to

chosen two, which at least

promises entertainment for

the crowd at the WACA

At last night's team meet-

ing, Stewart and Graham

Gooch also spent time im-

pressing on the players the

importance of being much

more purposeful in the field in

order to complete the pre-

would certainly help the over-

rate. It would also add a

colourful character to a side

Tufnell's likely inclusion

scribed 50 overs.

# Newcastle feud is brought to an amicable end

ended with neither of the two United are stronger now." central figures, Gordon Hall, who spent £3.2 million McKeag and John Hall, in on buying a 38 per cent stake control at the second division in the club as the rebels tried

Hall, the millionaire leader of the rebel Magnie Group, £500,000. He will also spend vesterday resigned from the £90,000 over three years to yesterday resigned from the £90,000 over three years to board after telling directors he help Newcastle's Centre of could not devote enough time Excellence for promising to club affairs. His decision young players.

The new chairman is failure of the £8 million share George Forbes, who said: "We issue which was the main demand of Hall and his

board, which also includes Hail's son, Douglas, aged 32. Control remains in the

hands of McKeag's supporters, but he insisted last night: I don't think it's a question of winning or losing. I'm per-suaded it is in the best interests of the club that I should tender my resignation. been through nearly three years of difficult times, I should be relinquishing the chair at a time when I hope we'll be entering better times.

PEACE was finally declared the public, the dispute that has yesterday in the three-year continued over thre traumatic power struggle that has divided Newcastle United and have been very costly to the split opinion on Tyneside. It club, but I believe Newcastle

Hall, who spent £3.2 million to win control, has now given United an interest free loan of

see it as a generous gesture and an expression of support."

The new chairman also praised McKeag, who was the

teacher,

supporters.

McKeag, a solicitor, aged praised McKeag, who was the target for an inense hate chairmanship after being bitterly criticised by the Magpie in the early days of the power Group. But he remains on the struggle. Forbes said: "I pay struggle. Forbes said: "I pay tribute to his contribution to the club and his integrity, honesty and courage in the face of a fierce personal press

campaign."

Forbes, a wealthy suctioneer and livestock valuer in Northumberland, added: "I'm not looking back, I'm looking forward. Changes have occ-I feel a little sad that, having urred and now we need a period of stability.

The new chairman's first task will be to find ways of raising cash for a club which owes more than £5

## Games likely to lose at least £5m

By JOHN GOODBODY

As British Sky Broadcasting honour the commitment, sav-yesterday confirmed that it ing the organisers the f2 would be acting as host broad-million it thought it might caster for the 1991 World have to pay a private company Student Games in Sheffield, to be host broadcaster. Withthere were fears that the games would lose more money than any event in the history of British sport.

Sheffield City Council, which is underwriting the cost. will have to cut services to its poll tax residents to meet the bill for holding the event, which will attract 6,000 competitors from more than 120 countries.

Even the agreement with Sky, which will allow pictures to be beamed around the world, does not alter the fact that the games are likely to face a deficit of at least £5

With the merger of the two companies last month, Sky inherited a deal with BSB to be the host broadcaster and will

million it thought it might out worldwide television, there was little chance of big

sponsorship. However, whereas BSB was committed to showing seven hours daily of the games on television in Britain, it has yet to be decided how many hours Sky will screen to its far greater number of subscribers. The schedule of the games events had been altered to s BSB's timines and have to be moved again to accommodate

David Hill, the head of BSkyB, said: "In 1991, the games will be by far the most important multi-sports event in the world. BSkyB is proud to be involved, serving a rapidly growing audience here and hundreds of millions of viewers around the world."

### Lotus find formula to start again

THE future of the Lotus Formula One team, which has been in the balance for several weeks following an unsuccessful 1990 season, is expected to be confirmed today with the announcement of a new management structure, new financing and a new Juddpowered car (John Blunsden writes).

The former employees. Peter Collins and Peter Wright, who have been contracted to seek new sponsorship in place of the tobacco company R. J. Reynolds, have apparently secured funds to assure a Lotus presence on the starting grid for the 1991

man, and although they had indicated a willingness to sell, subject to certain conditions, it is likely that they will retain ownership.

### **Backley** scoops top award

STEVE Backley, the former Kent 400 metres medal-winner who grew too big to be a runner, was named last night as the world's top male athlete of 1990 (David Powell writes). Backley, aged 21, left Leroy Burrell, the American sprinter, in second place and Salvatore Antibo, the European 5,000 and 10,000 metres champion, third in an International Amateur Athletic Federation poll.

Backley hardly put a javelin wrong all year. He won the Commonwealth title in January, set a world record, lost it, regained it in London in July. then won a gold medal

The women's poli was dominated by sprinters. Meriene Ottey, of Jamaica. finished ahead of Katrin Krabbe, the German doublesprint champion. Rosa Mota, who won a third successive European marathon title, was

#### gainst the same opposition, serves to play but to promote which might well benefit from thoroughly out-of-form the Lancastrian was the one fit him to open alongside a very the spark of something player not included. similar style of player, in Team Lotus is still owned different. David Gower and Eddie Larkins, is a desperate mea-sure. Stewart makes much of Since making 95 against the by the family of the team's Australian XI at Hobart, Alec Hemmines were both ruled Monts, W.Larldne, R.A. Snitth, A.J. Stewart, C.C. Lewis, R.C. Russell, G.C. Smell, A.P.C. Fraser, M.P. Bicknett, D.E. Melcolm, P.C.R. Turnell, NEW ZEALANC: M.D. Crowe (captain), J.G. Wright, A. H. J. Cresthistch, K.R. Rutherlond, I.D.S. Smith, C.Z. Harris, R.G. Petrie, C. Pringle, D. K. Montson, W. Watson, founder, the late Colin Chapthe rule here, by which only out by injury and an entirely Stewart's scores on tour have been 4, 6, 12, 11 and 0 and he new opening pair of Larkins two fielders are permitted

A racing certainty that raises scientific doubts AS THE racing world comes to terms with the Aga Khan's decision to withdraw from British racing, after a decision to disqualify his race horse Aliysa from winning the 1989 Oaks, a leading independent academic expert yesterday expressed dismay at the drugs testing policy of

the Jockey Club.

The equine scientist declined to be named because of the sensitivity of the case but his views may reflect those of many of Britain's animal scientists independent of either the Jockey Club or the Aga Khan. He said the club's tendency to disqualify horses with any apparently unnatural substance in their bodies, no matter how small, had become highly questionable, especially when doubts can be raised about the source of the substance and its effect

The Jockey Club's decision to disqualify the 1989 Oaks winner and reside begin the Value and residence to the leading to of the arms and residence to the leading to of the arms and the leading to of the arms and the leading to of the le

An independent scientist says the Jockey Club should think again, NICK NUTTALL, technology correspondent, reports

whether he is a shotmaker or a batsmen who hit the ball in

by the Horse Racing Forensic Laboratory (HRFL) at Newmarket which found traces of of 3-hydroxycamphor (3-HC). No urine tests exists for campbor but 3-HC is a metabolite or by-product of the substance, which is prohibited.

Almost nothing is known about the effects of camphor on a horse and the little evidence that does exist indicates its effects are neutral or deleterious, causing intestinal upset, rather than enhancing performance.

Furthermore, the Aga Khan's team of researchers, could prove that 3-HC is also a metabolite of borneol, a naturally occuring subcarrots and hay, and in horses'

Until the HRFL's test can determine if the source of the 3-HC is camphor or borneol, disqualifications based on positive tests would seem at the very least illogical, said the scientist. "Clearly the Aga Khan case highlights that 3-HC is coming from

something and, almost without a doubt, a purely accidental contami-nant, whether it is woodchips, carrots or anywhere else," he said. "Having shown that it can come from anywhere else there is then an element of doubt and any reasonable court, rather than a Jockey Club kangaroo court, would have

the owner," he said. The Jockey Club's list of prohibited substances is endless and allembracing.Some substances which naturally occur in an animal's body,

found in favour of the trainer and

tested for the levels present in order to determine if the urine contains normal or artifically high amounts, "Everything else, including 3-HC, is black and white. They do not care if they find a trace or a bucketful,"

said the expert. He said that more studies were needed to identify the levels and types of drugs that can influence a horse's performance.

Camphor has simply become a prohibited drug because one of its break-down chemicals has been

found as part of the HRFL's remit to find serious substances. He believes the time has come for a nanel of independent researchers to mediate between the Jockev Club and the forensic laboratory service

and trainers and owners to help

decide if urine test chemicals are

important at the levels found. He

said: "The Jockey Club is very

Highest Briton: 12, M Edgin, 44

conatains camphor whereas the

ited chemicals, similiar to the International Olympic Committee's If you went into a rugby footbal club's changing rooms, you would probaly smell linament which

sensitive about being told what to

do but this would seem the correct

It has become imperative, he

added, that the club should devise 2

shorter, more realistic list of prohib-

way forward."

days you cannot give a horse a pint of Guinness," said the scientist. His views were echoed by Jim Bridges, professor toxicology at the Robens Institute, Surrey Robens Institute, Surrey University."I would certainly agree there is a need for a review of the proceedures because the list is incredibly long and does not seem to have any logic in terms of its pharmacological action," he said.

